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Because Of Charter Objection...

Court Orders Caba Back

Council Initially Nixes Manager On 8-7 Vote

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

History was made Monday night when Agawam Town Council narrowly passed a preliminary resolution suspending Town Manager Edward A. Caba from office for 45 days with pay.

At the packed Agawam Public Library where approximately 130 residents attended the special session, the majority of councilors took the first step to totally remove Caba from office on an 8-7 vote.

A First

This was the first time in the town's thirteen year history that any of the town's four town managers had been suspended from office by a council vote.

The town's first manager, James D. Westman, faced several attempts to oust him from office but all narrowly failed.

At presstime, the council was again called into special session by Council President Donald Rheault to select an acting manager to replace Caba.

Mentioned at presstime to fill the post was Caba's executive secretary, Kay Pisano, a longtime assistant in the manager's office. Although Caba had relinquished his keys to town hall because of the suspension, he has retained Springfield attorneys Theodore Dimauro and Constance Sweeney in an effort to remain in the post he had held for 2½ years.

Councilor Peter Longo, newly-elected from Precinct 6 last November, read the resolution charging Caba with failure to adequately perform the duties of his office.

The meeting's outset was marred by applause and jeers from the boisterous audience but Rheault quickly warned he would clear the hall of spectators should the audience interfere with council business.

After Longo read the resolution, several councilors who later voted in favor of retaining Caba in office demanded that the resolution specify what the actual charges were against Caba.

Rheault, who has been the main spokesman for the group of eight councilors wishing to fire Caba, had previously said that a complete lack of communication between the manager and council, along with other issues, confirmed the need for Caba's ouster.

Several of these issues have surfaced in recent weeks, including the debate over sewer user fees in relation to the hold-up of the town budget; workmen's compensation practices formerly used at town hall, and appointment made under Caba's administration.

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Caba Returns To Post Wednesday

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Hampden County Superior Court Judge Eileen Griffin Wednesday issued a temporary restraining order putting suspended Town Manager Edward Caba back into Town Hall. The court order temporarily stops Town Council's 8-7 vote to suspend Caba, the first in a series of steps that the council was seeking to take in order to permanently remove Caba from the seat.

A hearing is scheduled to take place in Hampden County Superior Court on Friday, February 24th where both sides will be appraised of the circumstances and present arguments before the court in open dialogue.

It should be noted the judge's ruling does not in any way negate the council vote - it just places it on hold pending next Thursday's hearing.

Mrs. Sweeney and former Springfield Mayor Theodore Dimauro, who is also representing Caba, will argue that the court issue a preliminary injunction against any council action to remove Caba.

This would secure Caba's position at Town Hall until a trial could be scheduled.

The **Advertiser News** was told a group of 14 local residents, filed the suit with Judge Griffin to seek the temporary injunction.

Precinct 6 Councilor Peter Longo, who read the resolution at Monday's meeting, said he did not expect the restraining order to have a significant affect on the general direction of the council.

SEE RESTRAINING ORDER - Page 4...

Nardi Seeks To Review Rheault's Stewardship

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Councilor Frederick Nardi from Precinct 1 plans to request the council to review the stewardship of Town Council President Donald M. Rheault at the council's next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21st.

Nardi's statements come in the wake of this past Monday's special session when councilors narrowly passed a preliminary resolution to remove Town Manager Edward A. Caba from office.

Councilors voted 8-7 at that stormy session held before a packed house at the Agawam Public Library.

Nardi today said he is requesting the review of Rheault's performance as council president because of "the many, many faults I find with Mr. Rheault as our town council president."

Nardi would not reveal specifics of why he will seek a review of Rheault's stewardship until the Tuesday council meeting.

Despite the many similarities between Nardi's proposed action and those taken by Rheault and seven other councilors to remove Caba, Nardi said the two issues are not related.

Nardi said he originally placed the issue on the council agenda prior to any action taken against the town manager.

When asked for comment on Nardi's planned request, Rheault said, "I expect an attack on me would provide a smoke screen to the real issue before the council."

SEE NARDI HIT RHEAULT - Page 2...



TOWN COUNCILOR FREDERICK NARDI (center) addresses the council at Monday night's packed council meeting at the Public Library. At Nardi's left is Councilor Paul Trimboli and at his right is Councilor Phillip DeForge. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

To Our Readers...

The ADVERTISER NEWS learned late Wednesday afternoon, just before presstime, that a court injunction nullified Monday's 8-7 vote that suspended Town Manager Edward A. Caba. Caba was back on the job Wednesday afternoon in time to release held-up pay checks to town employees. We were forced to revamp our front page. We hope that our front pages will soon return to more passive coverage, other than political. RMS



Letters To The EDITOR

Timmy Sunstrom Thanks Community

My name is Tim Sunstrom and I live at 119 Corey Colonial Condos. I'm a ninth grader at the junior high school. For all of you who buy the *Agawam Advertiser*, you probably know me well, but for those of you who don't, here is my story.

On November 14, 1983 my mom took me to the doctor for a physical so I could try out for the ski team. My brother Tom who is a senior was on the team and I was looking forward to racing with him this year. It would have been our only year on the team together but things changed real quick.

The doctor did tests and it was learned that I had leukemia. So that was it. My ambitions to join the team to race with Tom (I would have beat him too) was only going to be a dream. I can't say it was easy. I was real mad. They put me in the hospital and I have been in more than out since.

Treatment for leukemia is long and not easy on me or anyone, but the people of Agawam have really helped me alot. When I am feeling really bad someone will call to cheer me up or visit me. The kids keep me up on the news in school or some times just sit with me.

Only days after people learned of my problem people at the Condos started a Timmy Fund to help my family with the medical bills (something I know nothing about, only that it's expensive).

My family tells me not to worry but it does cross my mind once in a while. But that's not the reason for this letter. I just want Agnes Kelly, Connie Sykes and Carolyn and Dick Mullaly to know how much I appreciate what they have done for me.

Sometimes people don't think teenagers care about much but believe me we do. I could never begin to thank everyone for being so good to me.

People do care about people especially in town. I think Agawam is Awesome and I wear my hat proudly. I do want to mention a couple of more special people. Fr. Karl Huller who was down and out himself, found time to drop me a note and even came to Mercy when he was up and about with a cane. Sr. Fran made many visits to Mercy and even at home, she always smiles.

My last thank you but not least is to the Rollaway who had a Timmy Skate for me in December. I was able to make an appearance and believe me, it did wonders for my morale.

I understand another one is planned February 23rd, and I sure hope I can make it even if I can't skate. I like to see everyone having a good time.

So thank you all kind people of Agawam and I do believe when you care there is hope and a lot of people care for me, when you share there is concern, and I know that when you pray there are miracles.

Thanks to you all especially Mom, Tim and Tom.
Love,
Tim Sunstrom

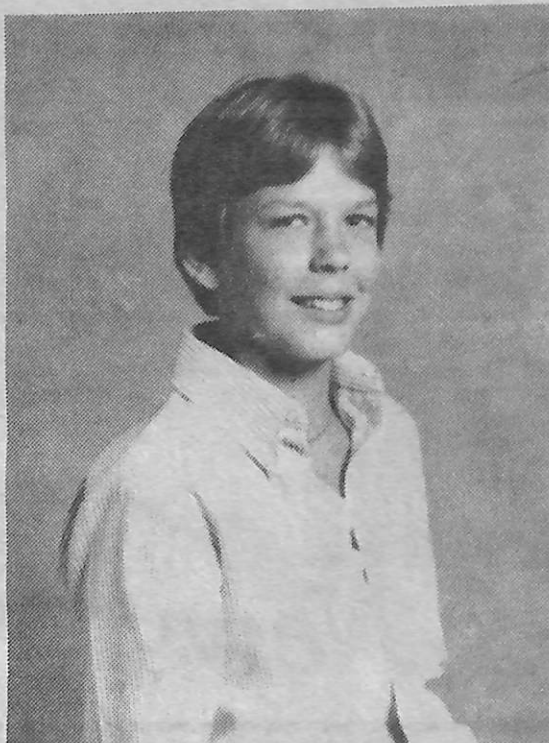
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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ROBERT F. LLOYD who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 37(b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of a new single family residence having less than the required rear yard area on the premises known as 12 ONEIFBY LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: February 16, 1984



TIMMY SUNSTROM

Altobelli Calls For New Town Govt. Under Leadership Of Elected Mayor

To The Editor:

I dislike reading in the newspapers about the political turmoil in Agawam. As a citizen of the town for over twenty years, I am proud of our educational system, our recreational system, and our town overall.

I, and many other citizens in town, feel that we would not move anywhere else because of this. Perhaps, this is why Agawam has the largest population growth in our state.

The only solution to decrease the political turmoil in our town would be the change our present form of government. To remove our town's political leader, we must fire our town manager in our present form of government.

This creates controversy and newspaper headlines. The answer would be to change to a mayoral form of government.

The election of our political leader, rather than the firing of a town manager, creates less political turmoil.

The mayor's accountability would be to electorate, not to the politicians.

Sincerely yours,
Rudy Altobelli

43 Mill Street - Agawam

NARDI HITS RHEAULT - From Page 1...

"I think councilors, including Mr. Nardi, are going to have to face whether they can defend Mr. Caba's record as town manager instead of clouding the issue," Rheault further commented.

At Monday night's meeting, Nardi was highly critical of the move to oust Caba from office and said the town faced dire consequences and legal implications if Caba was fired.

Nardi placed a similar agenda item before the council against former Council President Benjamin Lockhart after Lockhart and other councilors attempted to remove the town's first manager, James D. Westman from office in the mid-1970's.

The effort to fire Westman failed but Nardi's efforts to remove Lockhart succeeded. Lockhart was replaced as council president by former Councilor Richard Theroux who is now the town clerk.

Another Reason To Read Us: Stu Parker's Political Coverage

SPECIAL MEETING - From Page 1...

Mrs. Nelsen said she needed more information about what the actual charges against Caba were before she could support it.

Long time Caba supporter Frederick Nardi of Precinct 1 said the council could face dire consequences if they fired Caba without specific reasons. Nardi said Caba could take the town to court and be compensated a large sum of money because of the action.

At-large Councilor Andrew C. Gallano flatly called the action against Caba an attempt to "railroad him" out of office. He said townspeople were "sick and tired" of the constant problems in town government which he says is created by the council.

"Without any specific charges in the resolution, I'd say this is a kangaroo court," said Gallano.

Rheault rebutted the statements, saying, "Our actions and resolution fulfill the requirements set forward in the town charter. The charge before you is that the manager has failed to adequately perform his duties of office."

Through the maze of charges and counter-charges aimed by the conflicting anti-Caba, pro-Caba councilors, Rheault later said, "The charges are as specific as I can imagine they could be."

Making All The Noise

"It's unfortunate, but revealing, that all of the councilors making all the noise have not made one single statement to argue that the manager has performed his duties well," Rheault added.

Caba has five days from receipt of the preliminary resolution to suspend him (he received it Tuesday morning) to file for a public hearing to defend his administration.

Caba and his attorney's have said they would take advantage of the hearing and fight the ouster "every step the way." They have not ruled out taking the issue to court in a civil suit.

The public hearing must be called no later than 30 days of submission of his request.

Monday night's meeting was the climax of a conflict between Caba and several of the veteran councilors and was joined by five new councilors who entered office in January.

The most fierce public battle erupted after the Monday, February 6th meeting, called the stormiest council meeting in years.

Caba has repeatedly said he remains unsure of why part of the council membership wishes to remove him.

Voting for the preliminary resolution to suspend Caba were Councilors Daniel Lacienski, Thomas Locke, Jack Shaughnessy, Paul Trimboli, Neil Blatt, Edward Borgatti, Longo, and Rheault.

Voting against the resolution were Councilors Paul Paleologopoulos, Alfred Trehey, Phillip DeForge, Mario DeLucchi, Nardi, and Gallano.

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in the County of Hampden, deceased.
NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that LAWRENCE J. KENNEY, of East Longmeadow, and S. JOSEPH CICCIA, of Longmeadow, both in said County of Hampden, be appointed executors of the will of said deceased, without giving a surety on their bonds.

In you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on March 9, 1984.

In addition you must file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice

to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 2A. WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

John P. O'Brien
Register of Probate
Published: February 16, 1984

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 23, 1984, at 7:00 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Channel 22, to perform work subject to the Act off of North West Street between land of Ruby Leggett and Walter Kerr.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of THOMAS LIQUORI who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 25 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the creation of a lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as 18 JAMES STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
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Town Republican Committee Held Breakfast Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee held a breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 11th at the Partners Restaurant. The meeting discussed how the Republican Party should go about organizing and preparing for a more active role in the political process.

Harold Walker, a long-time town Republican leader, agreed to serve as Treasurer; Virginia Lake agreed to serve as Secretary; Donald McCave agreed to investigate the party organization on a state and federal level, and the group agreed to meet again for breakfast on March 10th at 8 p.m. at the Partners Restaurant at which time there will be reports on contact with the Republican Committees in surrounding towns.

Dick Brindle will recommend broad positions on policy and government and we will discuss the upcoming elections and how to promote voter interest in becoming an active part of the political process in Agawam and the State of Massachusetts. All registered Republicans and independent voters are invited to attend the March 10th meeting.

Caba Might Sue Town Over Job Action

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Following Monday night's dramatic Town Council meeting when councilors voted 8-7 to suspend Town Manager Edward A. Caba from office, two Springfield attorney's representing him said they may file suit against the action on Caba's behalf.

Caba has retained former Springfield Mayor Theodore Dimauro and Attorney Constance Sweeney to act as legal counsel during the crisis facing him.

Declined Comment

Caba declined comment about the council action but has previously said he would seek a public hearing on the move to oust him as required by the town charter.

Mrs. Sweeney said the charge in the resolution said that Caba has failed to perform adequately "is not a charge at all."

She added, "It would be like trying to catch a cloud to determine what might be meant by this and establish a response."

Mrs. Sweeney said a lack of specific charges may prompt legal action.

The Springfield attorney further cited the possibility of improper notification to the manager prior to Town Council President Donald Rheault calling for the meeting on Thursday, February 9th.

Rheault cancelled that meeting because the public notice was posted 24-hours before the meeting would take place.

According to the state's open meeting law, a 48-hour notice is required for public meetings unless an emergency exists.

Rheault, at the beginning of last Thursday's special session, said he was re-posting the special session to comply with the 48-hour open meeting law rule.

Mrs. Sweeney said she was also investigating the possible violation of the open meeting law as a further point of legal consideration on Caba's behalf.

She declined to provide any substantiating statements about her concerns and again confirmed that legal action might begin before the council takes final action on the manager's dismissal.

RESTRAINING ORDER - From Page 1...

Longo said Wednesday night, "We still have the same basic problems we've always had with the manager. The reasons we sought to remove Caba from office haven't suddenly disappeared."

In a voice filled with elation, Caba said, "I couldn't be happier with the immediate decision and I'll be very glad to get back to work."

Caba added, "My main hope now is that we can make the lines of communication between the council and my office shorter and more clear so we can work together for the town. I will do everything possible to find the formula that will make things work."

Mrs. Sweeney argued before the court that the council had acted improperly in rejecting Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos' charter objection on the vote to suspend Caba from office for 45 days, pending more council action to eventually fire him.

A charter objection is a parliamentary move allowed by the town charter that automatically delays, for one

time only, any council action until the next meeting.

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault refused to allow the charter objection.

Violation Of Open Meeting Law

Mrs. Sweeney also argued before the court, she told us, that the council may have taken part in violation of the open meeting laws; failure to properly notify the manager of his impending dismissal and failure to cite specific charges against the manager for his dismissal.

The resolution passed Monday night said that Caba had failed to adequately perform the duties of his office.

Town Solicitor Lambert Ollari represented the council at the closed court session.

Longo said the council would issue specific charges against the manager's performance of duties. "But only at the proper time. The details of our concerns will be fully discussed," Longo concluded.

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TO OUR READERS...

The above story was written by Advertiser News Political Writer Stuart Parker on Wednesday morning, February 15th at presstime. Because of the dramatic turn of events which we were made aware of on late Wednesday afternoon, (the court injunction placing Town Manager Edward A. Caba back into office), we were forced to revamp our front pages. This also posed layout problems for us because it affected the layout of our inside pages.

No one, including us, is certain what will occur over the chaotic matter in the next week. It was complicated enough as is - never mind the added confusion the court injunction put on the issue at presstime.

Therefore, instead of ripping up the entire front section of the paper because of this important 11th hour news, we ran the stories as intended with, of course, the insertion of the up-to-date story written by Parker in the center of Page 1.

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Submitted by: Donald E. Ashe Register of Deeds

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Guest Editorial

Town Democrats Pick Delegates



MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE elected delegates to the state convention in Worcester in June on Saturday, February 11th. Back row, from left - Rudy Altobelli, Bob Guidetti, Scott Letendre, Carol Drew, State Rep. Michael Walsh, Rosalie Walsh, Jack Shaughnessy, and Walter T. Kerr. Seated are, from left - Peg Kerr, Mary Kennedy, and Adele Stevens. Delegates missing from photo were Elizabeth Sardella, Phillip DeForge, Robert DeForge, and Lucille Fieldstad, and Arlene Mazza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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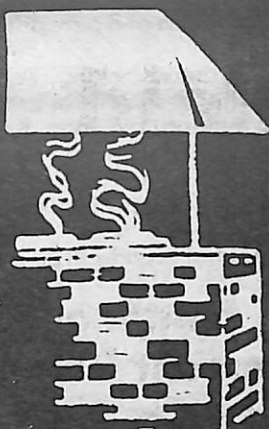
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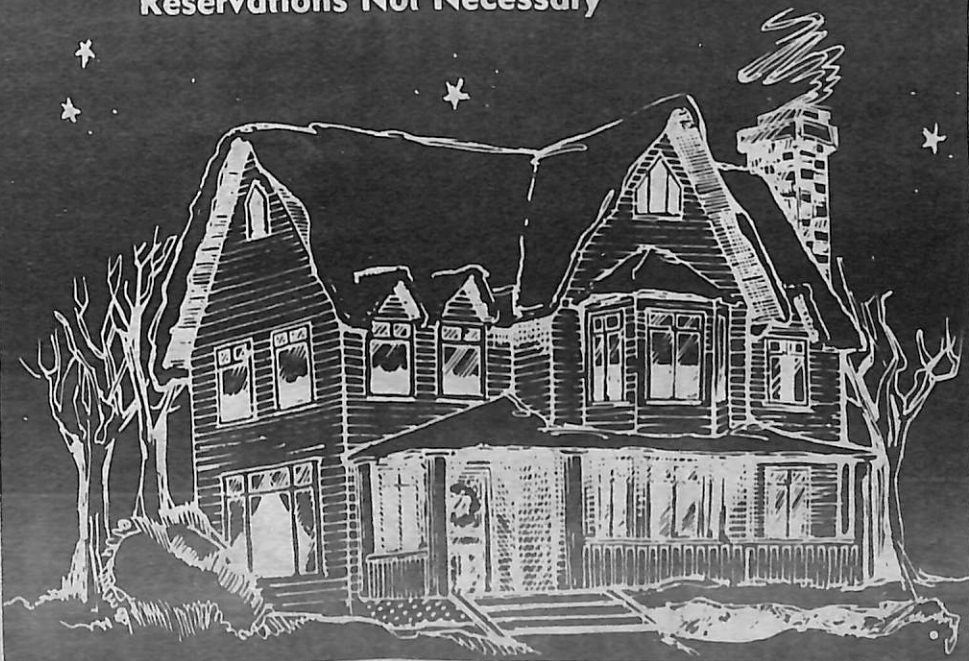
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2nd Report On Rape Prevention

By Mary O'Connor Hume
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second article on the Rape Prevention Clinic conducted by the Agawam Police Department at the Agawam Public Library. The first article appeared in last week's paper.

Last week, Police Officers James Frantz and James Lewis discussed the various precautions women must take to prevent a situation where rape could occur. The two local police officers made the following observations and suggestions if the worse does happen.

Despite all precautions, rape can happen to anyone. Detectives Franz and Lewis suggest that women should be prepared, "just in case." If you are attacked, think, don't panic...talk, lie, cheat. Use passive resistance if you feel you are in danger.

Passive resistance could be vomiting or telling your attacker you are pregnant or have a venereal disease, anything that might put him off. Frantz suggests that you evaluate your situation. Is escape a realistic possibility? Will anyone nearby hear if you scream? Your voice is your best weapon.

Active resistance is not recommended, but if you decide to fight, don't hold back. Remember, if all else fails, to get a good description - of him, his car, anything that will aid police in finding the attacker.

Report Assault Right Away

Detective Lewis advises, "If you are the victim of a sexual assault, tell someone right away." And report it to the police. Seek medical attention - both physical and emotional care. Go to the hospital as you are - don't bathe or change your clothes.

"Hospitals and doctors in Massachusetts will not report a rape without your consent. Contact a rape crisis counselor, or ask the police or hospital to do it for you."

If you report the rape to the police, they will ask questions to determine a description of the crime and the assailant, and take you to the hospital.

When you have received medical care, the police will want to talk with you to try to establish the identity of the rapist.

Detective Lewis said, "This must be done fairly soon, while the information is still fresh in the victim's memory, usually within 24 hours."

Lewis added, "If you've been raped, I encourage you to report it. If you don't want to prosecute, you don't have to. But if you decide many days or weeks after the rape to prosecute, you'll have laid the groundwork while it is still fresh in your mind. We'll have a better chance of catching him."

Who is the rapist? All kinds of men, from all different backgrounds. Most are young, many are married. The rapist can be a

casual acquaintance, a neighbor, or a total stranger.

He can be a boyfriend or husband who compels you to submit by threat of bodily injury. Most rapes occur between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. and many happen in the woman's own home.

The rapist's motive is not sexual, the issue is violence. If you have been raped, or become the victim in a rape - the trauma cannot be undone, but you can report it to prevent the rapist from attacking again. Your privacy is protected.

The victim's name is not part of any public record. And the laws in this state have changed, so that the victim is no longer on trial as in the past.

Not Prosecuting May Lead To A Repeat

If you don't prosecute, the rapist is likely to repeat the crime and repeaters are usually increasingly violent.

If you choose not to report or prosecute, "at least tell someone," suggests Detective Lewis, "to help yourself." Victims remain unable to reorganize their lives until they receive emotional support and reassurance, the officer added.

Detectives Lewis and Frantz will conduct the Rape Prevention Workshop for interested groups. Contact them at the Agawam Police Department. For rape counseling, call HERA at 733-2561.

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Holy Family Church, Holyoke, was the setting Saturday, October 29th for the wedding of Paula Ann Hadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hadden of Kirkland Street, Agawam, and Philip Ernest Moreau, son of Mrs. Cecile Moreau, Eddy Street, Springfield, and the late Henry Moreau.

The Rev. Ronald Yargeau officiated at the morning, double-ring ceremony.

Sheryl Fleming, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Donna Buoniconti, Debbie Lariviere, Michelle Moreau and April Rheault. Stephanie Fleming was the flower girl.

Jim Fahey was the best man. Ushers were Bob Grindle, Jim Hadden, Dan Latendre and Paul Moreau. Mathew Moreau was the ring-bearer.

The reception was held at the Yankee Pedlar Inn, Holyoke.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, is employed as a programmer analyst by Texas Instruments, Dallas, Texas.

The groom, a graduate of Western New England College, is employed as a district manager for Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago.

The couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.

Rosary Altar Society Plans Public Card Party

On Thursday, February 23rd, the Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring a public card party to be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Feeding Hills.

All proceeds from this card party will be used to promote a scholarship for two seniors in our Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program who intend to further their education.

Tickets may be obtained at the door, rectory or from members of the Society. Refreshments, door prizes and the game of your choice will be available for a donation of \$1.50. All are welcome. Chairperson is Rose Mercandante.

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THIS PRETTY GROUP OF YOUNG LADIES attended, with their fathers, a "Father-Daughter" Valentine's Dance held at the Springfield Turnverein this past Friday night. There were so many cute girls attending we had to put them all in one photo. Sorry dads, maybe next year. The dance is an annual event at the German Club located on Garden Street, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Susan Brown Engaged To Thomas J. DeCosmo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Brown of 84 Brewster Road, West Springfield are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Susan, to Mr. Thomas J. DeCosmo of Agawam.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of West Springfield High School and a 1983 honor graduate of American International College. She is presently employed as an Account Executive for Northeast Savings Bank in their metro Springfield region.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carmelo J. DeCosmo of Agawam, is a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1982 graduate of American International College. He is owner of the Thomas Machinery Co. of Agawam.

An April 1984 wedding is planned.

Agawam Day In Florida

The Third Annual Agawam Day will be held Wednesday, March 7th at Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida from 8 a.m. to ? Bring your own food, beverages, and chairs.

If you know of someone visiting the area at this time, please pass on this information or have them contact Ken Grady at 938-7521, Al Martel at 937-0018, or John Chriscola on the east coast area at 761-1249.

Agawam Women's Club To Host Junior Women's Club

The Agawam Women's Club will have the Junior Women's Club as their guests at the February meeting to be held Monday, February 27th at 8 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The program will be on bread-making. A twenty-seven minute color film will be shown followed by a demonstration of bread-making by Joan Koziol, a graduate of Framingham State College and nutritionist for the Greater Springfield Y.W.C.A. Mrs. Koziol will be assisted by Alice Moore, and Trustees House Committee.

A door prize of a warm loaf of bread will be awarded.

Alfred "Junie" Fontana To Be Feted At Retirement Dinner

After over twenty-five years of service to the department, Alfred Fontana, Fire Inspector for the town of Agawam will be feted at a retirement dinner on March 5th at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. Following the cocktail hour, dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Stardusters. Tickets are \$15.00 each. For tickets or more information, contact Fred Harpin or Ken Blair at Station No. 2, 786-2662.



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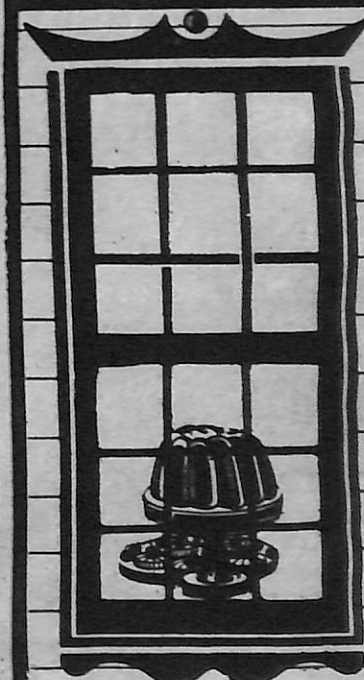
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Trading Post Schedules Annual Winter Sale

The Trading Post will hold its annual late winter sale on Wednesday, February 29th, and Wednesday, March 7th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets.

The sale will be twenty percent off all items. Many are already marked half of our original price already, plus you will receive your special sale price.

The Trading Post carries good as new clothes. You can find some name brands, though there are lots of bargains on every rack for every member of the family. For the children, this is the time to pick up an extra jacket, slacks, boots, or jersey for the child who has outgrown everything or to grow into for the next season.

The shop carries many other items including small household articles, drapes, bedspreads, boots, paperback books, games, and jewelry, all at twenty percent off for these two sale dates.

Please take note of these two dates as this is the first year the special sale will be held two days. Hopefully this will give all our customers the opportunity to take advantage of this sale and to welcome new customers.

The Trading Post is open each Wednesday through the school year, weather permitting.

Unico Club Schedules Macaroni-Meatball Supper

The Agawam Unico Club has scheduled its annual Macaroni/Meatball Dinner for Sunday afternoon, February 26th with continuous servings from 12:30 to 5 p.m. This year a special invitation is offered to family groupings, with the abundance of large tables at the senior high school cafeteria on Cooper Street. Arrangements for such may be made with Tables Chairman Mike Delucchi, 786-3584.

Menu for this popular community, indoor treat consists of ziti macaroni plus meatballs with sauce, grated cheese and bread, along with tossed salad, followed by coffee and cake served at the tables.

Agawam Unico is proud to note that this was the first fiscal event conducted when chartered in 1962 and continues to be one of its most productive. As with all other Unico-sponsored activities, the proceeds are used locally to help carry on the many individual family charities, mental health programs, and yearly scholarship awards to deserving high school graduates.

Tickets for this event are \$3.50 for adult and \$2.00 for children.

St. Anthony's Has Valentine's Dance



ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH in North Agawam held a Valentine's Dinner/Dance on Saturday evening, February 11th in the church hall. Pictured here preparing the pasta are kitchen supervisors Mary Scherpa, Fran Gatti, and Dot Pilegi. The food and dancing went into the late, late hours and a good time was had by all who attended. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Sweetheart Swirl" Planned By Catholic Women's Club

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club Ways and Means Committee will feature a "Sweetheart Swirl" on Saturday, February 18th at St. John's Parish Center on Main Street in Agawam.

Music from the 30s to the present day will be furnished by disc jockey Alan Wright from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance is open to the public and tickets are \$6.00 each.

The affair is B.Y.O.B. and set-ups and snacks will be provided. There will be door prizes awarded. Ticket reservations may be obtained by calling Mrs. Philip DeForge at 789-0286, Mrs. Joseph Cleary, 789-2164, or Mrs. James Davis at 789-0916.

St. John's Guild Plans Macaroni & Meatball Dinner

St. John's Guild of St. John the Evangelist Church will host a macaroni and meatball supper on Tuesday, February 28th at the church's parish center.

The meal will consist of macaroni, meatballs, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, or beverage for a minimal price of \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the rectory or from any guild member. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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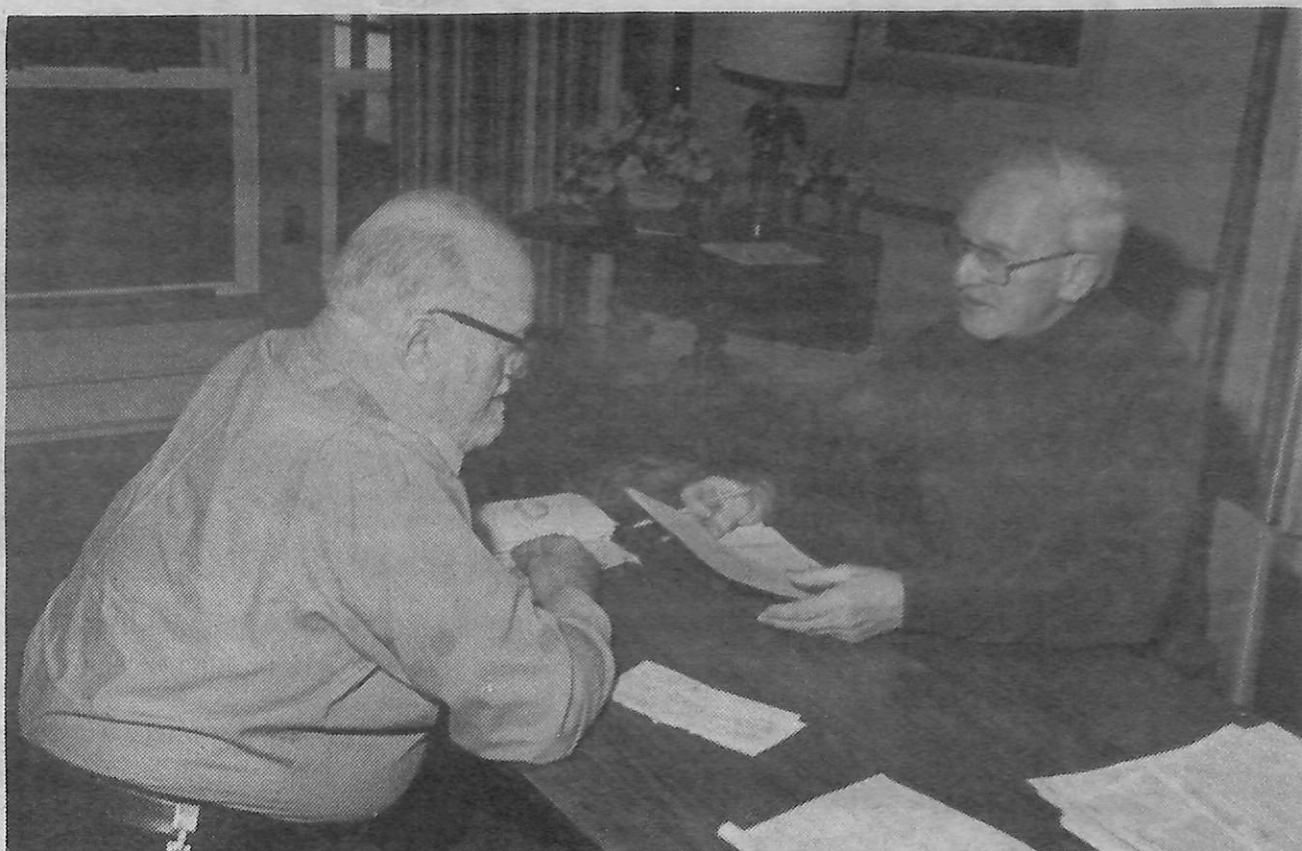
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ANN ANTONELLIS (left) GAVE THE FIRST of three lectures on skin care last Friday at the Agawam Senior Center. She is shown with Mary Mulcahy in the photo. Mrs. Antonellis, a beauty consultant, will also be at the Senior Center for consultation between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17th and Friday, February 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER HAS BEEN SPONSORING INCOME TAX FORM CONSULTATIONS for senior citizens. Here, taxman Toddy Hechler explains to Agawam senior Robert Bernier the various procedures he must follow to properly file state and federal income taxes for 1983. For further information on this program, senior citizens can call the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Programs Galore At Agawam Senior Center

By Sandra Smith Special Projects Coordinator

Smiling faces and laughter is the best way to describe our first annual Valentine's Dinner Dance Party held Sunday, February 12th at the Center.

The highlights of the day were the "Selene's Emeralds of the East (belly) Dancers" who were both informative and entertaining with their traditional dances. We thank Selene and her girls for donating their time. I personally want to thank all 200 of you for attending our party which in itself made it a success.

I am happy to announce that the lucky winner of the afghan was Gladys Francazio.

The Coachlight Dinner Theatre trip scheduled for Thursday, March 8th is completely filled and we are looking forward to an evening of fine dining and the performance of *Gigi*.

Sunday, April 8th is the date to reserve for "Le Grand David" magic show in Beverly, Mass., which is actually a Broadway musical with magic (the only way to describe it).

Luncheon will be at the beautiful "King's Grant Inn" where we will be able to enjoy their indoor "Tropical Gardens." Price per person is \$21.00. Don't miss it!

March 2nd will be the first day for ceramics. Reservations are now open for students. Classes will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

Don't be left out. Classes are limited.

Here is an update on activities at the Center. If you are an Agawam Senior, 60 or over, you are welcome to attend. All you have to do is call the Director's Office or come in to visit.

Monday: Sewing class 9:30 a.m.; exercise class 10 a.m.; circle dancing 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilting 10 a.m.; movies 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Painting 10 a.m.

Thursday: Painting 9:30 a.m.; knitting and crocheting 1 p.m.; hobby club 1 p.m.; woodworking 2:30 p.m.

Friday: Needlepoint 1:00 p.m.

Special Projects: Friday, 17th and 24th: Skin care clinic at 1 p.m.; every Tuesday evening, Card Night 7 p.m.; every Saturday evening, Gift Bingo 7 p.m.

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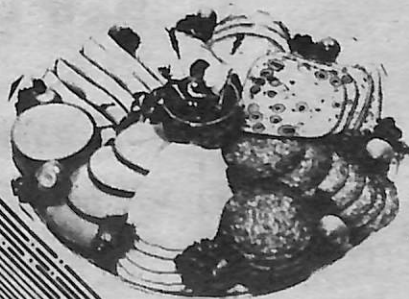
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Local Candidates Selected For Boys State Program

Representing Commander Ralph Soden, Edward Hottin, Chairman of Post 185, Boys State Program, along with John Morrissey, Principal of Agawam High School, congratulated the candidates for the Legion Boy State Program, Steven Oberle and Jeffrey Wands. The program will take place at Bentley College, Waltham, Mass. from Saturday, June 16th through June 23rd.

During their week stay at Bentley, they will learn about the workings of our government and the political principles involved in running our country. They will also enjoy a recreational program.

This is all part of the American Legion's program of helping to make good citizens and good fellowship.



THE LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION will be sponsoring local Agawam High School students Jeff Wands (left in center) and Steve Oberle to the "Boys State Program" from June 16th thru June 23rd in Waltham, Mass. The two students will learn about government and political principles at the program, to be held at Bentley College. At left is Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey and at right is Edward Hottin, chairman of the local Legion's Boys State committee. (See Story In Left Hand Column). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Chinese Cooking Slated At Public Library

A Chinese cooking demonstration by Wilbraham chef Joe Tomassetti will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, February 28th at 7 p.m.

For the past 15 years Tomassetti has been the guest chef on Channel 22's Kitty Today Show, appearing monthly to demonstrate a recipe. He spends three days a week making cheesecakes for several dozen restaurants. Beyond television and cheesecakes, he demonstrates Chinese cooking to women's clubs.

At the demonstration, sponsored by Waldbaum's Food Marts, samples of the Chinese dish prepared and the recipe will be passed out. A fruit basket will be given away as a door prize. Autographed copies of Tomassetti's cookbook will be available for purchase at \$10.95.

To register call the library at 789-1550.

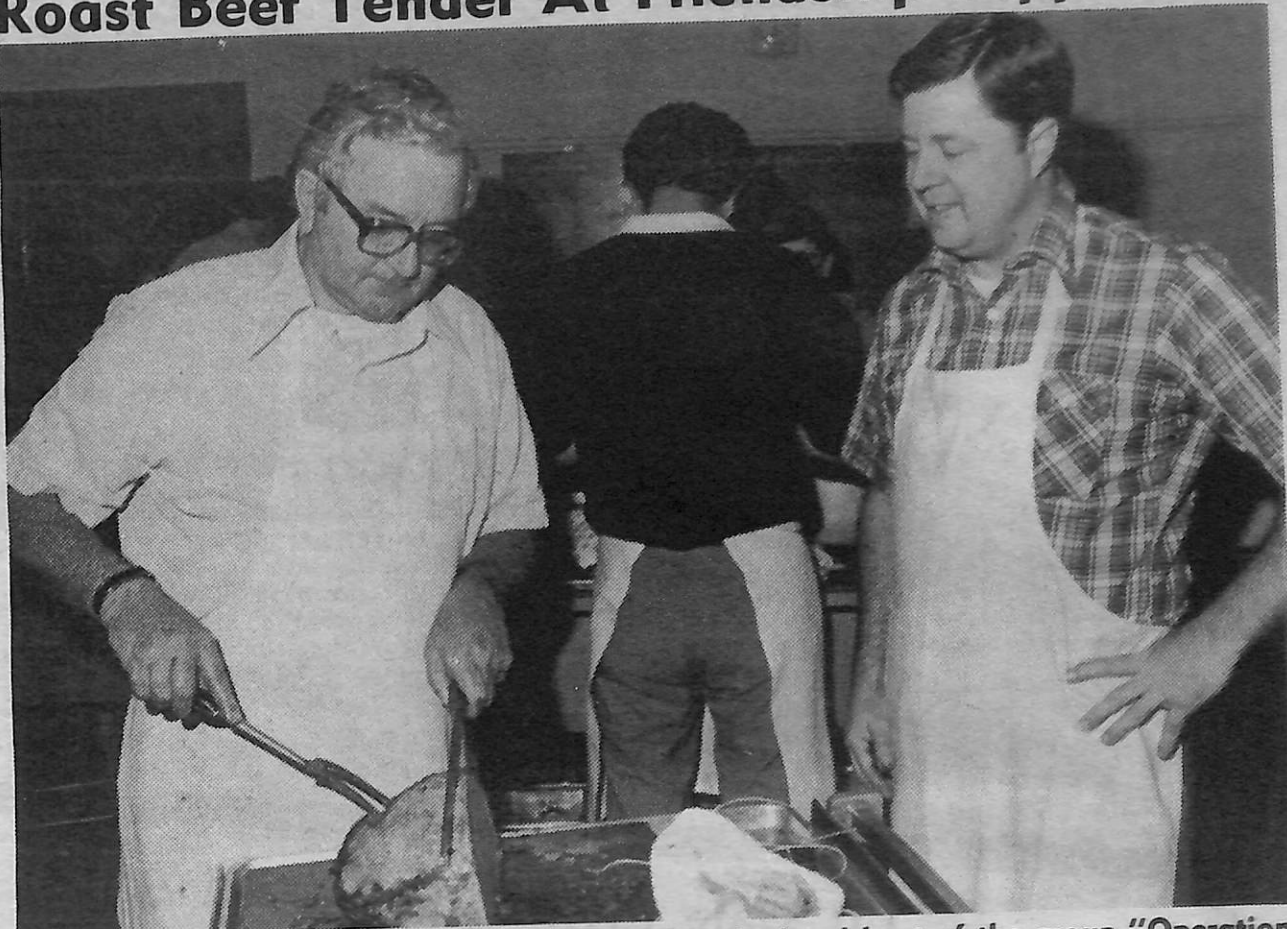
Bay West Hockey Plans Raffle

The Bay West Hockey Association today announced that it will be conducting its annual raffle this month. Among the prizes being raffled are: Sheraton "Getaway" weekend, Milton Bradley Vectrex, Basket of Cheer, Valle's and Casa Di Lisa dinners, and two Court House Racquetball Club memberships.

Tickets are on sale from team and family members until March 3rd. All townspeople are encouraged to support these youths in their athletic endeavors. The drawing will be held March 3rd at 5 p.m. at the Coliseum, West Springfield.

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Roast Beef Tender At Friendship Supper



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, the local host of the group "Operation Friendship" which encourages and promotes exchanges between Americans and foreign countries, held a roast beef supper in the church on Saturday night, February 11th. Here, Rev. William Sadleir puts his expertise with the knife to the roast while Raymond Moss at right looks on. The local Operation Friendship holds various fundraisers throughout the year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Corbins Have 1st Child



SUE (Hayden) CORBIN of Feeding Hills proudly holds newly born daughter **Erin Elizabeth**, born on January 29th. Little Erin weighed in at 8 pounds, one ounce and measured 20 inches. Erin's proud dad, **Billy Corbin**, a 1974 graduate of Agawam High and a CPA with Roan & Malloes of Springfield, was hard at working doing income tax forms so he couldn't be in the picture. Best wishes to the Corbins and new baby Erin.

Women In Science Lecture Postponed To March 1st

The Springfield Science Museum has announced a change in the date of the next scheduled Women in Science lecture. The lecture "A Feminist's Journey in Physical Chemistry" to be presented by professor of physical chemistry at Boston University Dr. Marion Lowe on February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at Hampshire College, has been postponed to the evening of March 1st at the same time. Dr. Lowe will offer a unique perspective of women in physical chemistry.

"Women in Science" is a six-month program of cooperation between the Science Museum and local colleges to afford young women in the area an opportunity to learn from and to interact with notable women scientists.

A traveling exhibit highlighting the achievements of women scientists of the 19th and 20th centuries is currently being developed by the Science Museum. The exhibit opens at the museum on May 5th.

For further information about the "Women in Science" programs and exhibit call the Science Museum at 733-1194.

Sons Of Norway Plan February Meeting

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge, No. 3-552 will hold their next meeting on Friday, February 24th at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The program will feature the Shriner's German Band. All Scandinavians or persons interested in the Norwegian culture are welcome. For further information contact the Social Director, Mrs. Jeanine Maagero, 782-2605.

Springfield Sugar Recognizes Two Agawam Residents

Ten employees of Springfield Sugar & Products Co., in Suffield, Connecticut have been admitted to lifetime membership in the exclusive Million Mile Club of the National Safety Council for driving more than one million miles without a preventable accident.

Membership in this international honor society is limited to those professional drivers of any type of vehicle who have demonstrated their expertness and safety consciousness over many years and despite continued exposure to accident-causing traffic situations.

The following Springfield Sugar drivers were admitted to this exclusive Million Mile Club: Pat Rahilly of Chicopee, Richard Tetreault of Springfield, Jim Manley of Westfield, William Hynes of Southwick, Winston Wright of Springfield, Eugene Jones of Westfield, Phil Beers of Ashford, CT, Bob Ruggiero of West Suffield, CT, Daniel Wunch of Springfield, and **Dan Windoloski of Feeding Hills**.

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Mon., Feb. 20th
Dinner Show
Cath. Women's Club
St. John's Parish Ctr.
6:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 25th
Oldies Dance
Italian Sporting Club
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Fri., Feb. 24th
Variety Show
Elm Lodge
West Side High School
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26th
UNICO Macaroni Dinner
Agawam High School
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 28th
Chinese Cooking Class
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Valentine's Party, Dance Conducted By Local Groups Last Weekend



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER held their day-long Valentine's celebration on Sunday, February 12th. Enjoying themselves at the party are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sweeney of 62 Raymond Circle, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS BOOSTER CLUB sponsored a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday evening February 11th at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Pictured at the party are, back row - Jake Liptak, Lois Hardina, Pam Barbarini, Lois Ruby, Betsy McMullen, and Karen Drewnowski. Front row - Diane LaZazzera, Carole Hill, Gloria Colby, and Tom Dal Molin, a former Agawam High player from yesteryear. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Italian Sporting Club Sponsors Oldies Dance

The Italian Sporting Club, Cooper Street, Agawam is sponsoring its first annual "Oldies Dance" on Saturday, February 25th from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$4.00 per person and may be purchased at the following locations: Valenti's Restaurant, Main Street; Italian Sporting Club; or at the door.

Dance contests, raffles, and refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy the music provided by Non-Stop Music Co.

Obituary

Doris M. Martino

Agawam: Doris M. (McTaggart) Martino, 66, of this town, retired line supervisor for Servus Rubber Co., Chicopee, died Monday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Cohoes, N.Y., she lived in Agawam 30 years. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband Angelo Martino; a son, John of East Longmeadow; three daughters, Judith Rusciano of Chicopee, Marcia Bellefeuille and Patricia DeForge, both of Agawam; a brother, James of West Springfield; three sisters, Mildred Hills and Edith Fountain, both of West Springfield, and Winifred Hutchinson of Agawam; nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.



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MIKKI'S KITCHEN

By Michele Blair Pisano

"Coconut Fried Shrimp"

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of having dinner at Christine Lee's at the Thunderbird Hotel in Miami Beach. They served an appetizer called "Coconut Fried Shrimp" that was just out of this world. Do any of you know how to make this dish?

In my quest for coconut this week I decided to make "Coconut Macaroons." These are a delightful little confection that really take no time at all.

"Coconut Macaroons"

2 egg whites
Dash of salt
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2/3 c. gran. sugar
1 1/2 c. flaked coconut

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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN & ADVERTISER NEWS feature writer Jeanne Hofmann (left) helps Clark School P.T.O. members Kathy Dumas and Judy Hebert select reading material for their children at the organization's monthly meeting held on Thursday, February 9th. Jeanne was the guest speaker for the meeting and explained to P.T.O. members that regular reading at home should be a part of a child's routine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Librarian Jeanne Hofmann Goes On Tour...

Reading Can Help Kids Overcome Fears

by Alexis Ferioli School Dept. Editor

"From pampers to pimples" is how Ms. Jeanne Hofmann, Agawam's children's librarian, described the various stages of adolescence to parents of the James Clark School P.T.O.

Ms. Hofmann, who is reknowned for her witty, humorous observations in her *Agawam Advertiser/News Light Stuff*, was recently guest speaker at that organization's regular monthly meeting February 9th.

Books Help Deal With Insecurities

She told the gathering that children experience many insecurities, fears, and challenges as they develop into young adults. Fortunately, books help children deal with these problems in a way which makes them seem less important.

Ms. Hofmann suggests that books be routinely read to children at special, quiet times of the day, such as bedtime. She says that even the very young one and two-year-olds benefit from listening to their parents read to them while observing illustrations.

Starbaby, by Frank Asch is an excellent book which she recommends for this particularly young age group.

Another worry of youngsters is that their parents will stop loving them if they do something really bad. Ms. Hofmann says that the delightful book, *Even If I Did Something Awful*, by Barbara Shook Hazen addresses itself to this common fear.

The popular librarian said dealing with competition among peers is another frequent concern of adolescents. Author Helme Heine's book *The Most Wonderful Egg In The World* offers a satisfying solution to which children can easily relate.

Is there a particular member of your household who just can't keep a family secret? *Mert The Blurt* has the same problem but finds a job where his "gift of gab" is an asset, Ms. Hofmann said.

Fighting and standing-up to bullies is an age-old

dilemma which all youngsters encounter at sometime during their youth. *Noel The Coward* by Robert Kraus is a book which sensibly offers a non-violent solution to this problem, states Ms. Hofmann.

She explained that sex instruction books are always in demand and range in information from the very general to the most detailed.

She cautions parents that children really do not wish to be told too much too soon.

Mrs. Hofmann suggests that adults read these books first before sharing them with their children. Two books by Peter Mayle, *Where Did I Come From* and *What's Happening To Me* are well-written but are also very controversial.

Ms. Hofmann points out that a child's first hospital visit can be extremely terrifying. A book such as *Why Am I Going To The Hospital?* can prepare a youngster for his interment as well as dispel any unwarranted fears.

How to explain the concept of death to a child is beautifully handled in the book *The Fall Of Freddie The Leaf* by Leo Buscaglia.

Ms. Hofmann notes that sometimes parents are so caught up in their own grief that they are unable to talk about their feelings with their child.

According to her, this book can make a difference in the matter in which a child handles grief.

We Remember Philip is another excellently written book which deals with the death of a classmate.

Small Children Can Relate To Others

Mrs. Hofmann relates that small children are often unprepared and frightened when they see very old peo-

STCC Alumni Assn. Offers Scholarship Awards

The Springfield Technical Community College Alumni Association will be offering two \$200 scholarship awards to be presented at the Annual Honors Convocation, May 31st, 1984. One award will be presented to a graduating senior and one award to a student returning to STCC.

Applicants must meet the following criteria: Be a graduating senior continuing their education at another institution or presently enrolled at STCC and returning for additional course work; Be a day student carrying a minimum of 9 credits or an evening student carrying a minimum of 6 credits; Maintain a minimum of 3.0 Q.P.A.

Applications can be obtained in the STCC Alumni Office, the Financial Aid Office, and the Registrar's Office.

Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 1984 and forwarded to: Scholarship Committee, c/o Mr. Mark Curto, Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory Square, Springfield, Massachusetts 01101.

Laura Desantis Attains Hartford Art School Honors

Thirty-eight full-time students at the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, have earned a place on the dean's list for the first semester of the 1983-84 academic year.

The list, released twice a year by Dean Alfred E. Hammer includes Laura Desantis, 78 Peros Drive, Agawam.

ple, especially in nursing homes. *How Does It Feel To Be Old* by Norma Farber answers many of their questions in a non-frightening manner.

For parents who remember what it's like to hear noises in the night, especially at bedtime, *What's Under My Bed* by James Stevenson humorously discusses this timeless worry.

Fifth and sixth grade girls enjoy books to which they can relate such as the popular *Dream Romance* paperbacks, she said.

In these books, the reader can make decisions by turning to certain pages which will affect the story's outcome.

Likewise, an excellently written book for boys which deals with adolescence and coming-of-age is *Space Station Seventh Grade* by Jerry Spinelli.

Ms. Hofmann, who has been the children's librarian for the past five years, explains that her duties include conducting children's programs and pre-school story hours, purchasing children's books, and scheduling school vacation events.

She said Agawam derives a greater response from its elementary schools than other neighboring communities. She credits many local families who have been continually supportive of children's events for helping to make the children's program a success.

The dedicated librarian says that she thoroughly enjoys her job and hopes to continue working with the town's youth in the future.

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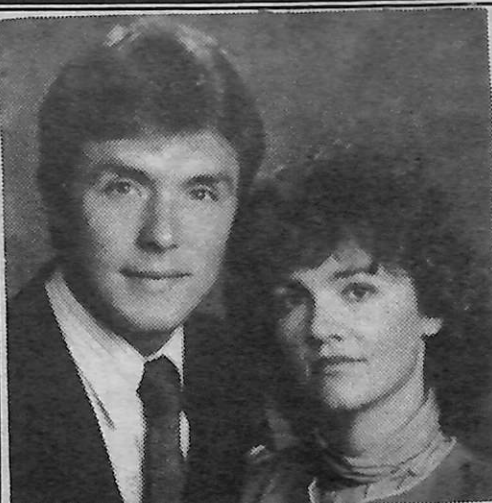


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Granger Students Get Outer Space Lesson

By Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Students at Clifford M. Granger School recently witnessed first-hand what type of space suits astronauts aboard the space shuttle "Challenger" were wearing.

According to school principal James H. Loomis Jr., students in grades K-5 were shown one of the original spacesuits which were developed for N.A.S.A. by Hamilton Standard Laboratories in Windsor Locks, Conn.

John Provencer, a Hamilton-Standard engineer, explained to students why new spacesuits were developed as well as from what materials they are made during his visit to the elementary school February 3rd.

Provencer, who helped develop the original spacesuit, also instructed the youngsters about rocket engines and the space shuttle Challenger.

Moreover, models as well as filmstrips were used to help students understand various aspects of the space program.

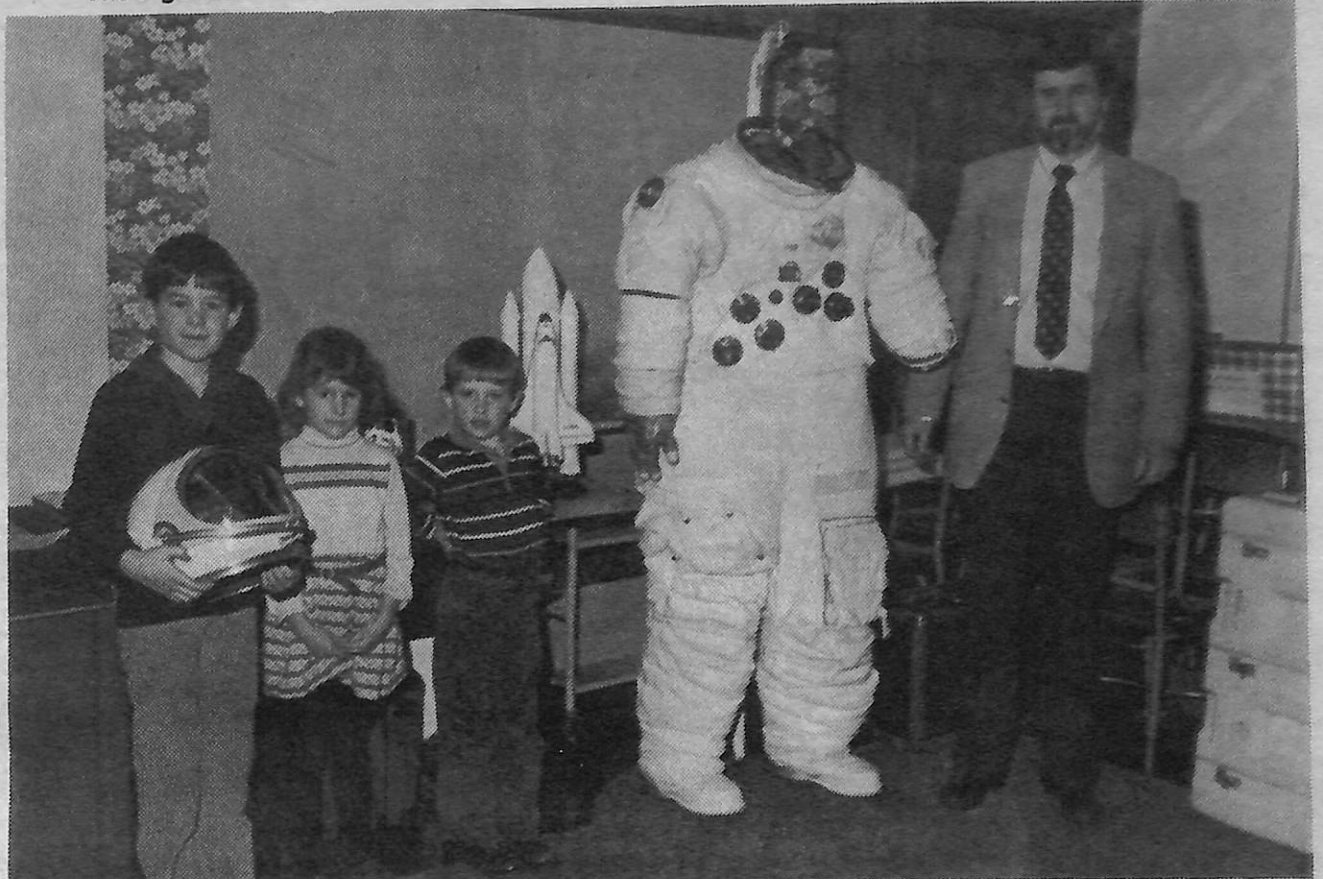
Loomis points out that each classroom presentation, which lasted approximately 35 minutes, concluded with an informative and well-received question and answer period.

He notes that the students, who watched the space shuttle lift-off in school, thoroughly enjoyed speaking with Mr. Provencer who talked to each grade on its own level of understanding.

Loomis said this is the second year Hamilton Standard has volunteered one of its employees and space equipment for the day-long presentation at Granger School.

He recalls engineer Larry McNamara visiting the school in 1982 and is hopeful that the bi-annual visits will continue so that students will be kept up-to-date on new developments within the nation's space program.

"Children are this country's future. It's important that they be kept well informed and interested in space exploration," said Loomis.



GRANGER SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left - Eric Provencer, Elizabeth McGrew, and Michale Provencer stand next to an authentic "Space Shuttle" space suit worn by the astronauts aboard the "Challenger." At right is John Provencer, a Hamilton Standard engineer of Windsor Locks who gave students at the school a lesson in outer space. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Science Museum Offers Vacation Week Programs

February vacation week, February 21st to 24th, will be a week of educational fun for families at the Springfield Science Museum. Each day a wide range of activities will be offered, including free family films at 1 p.m., science demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., T.A.M. showings at 2:15 and 3:15 p.m., craft/science activities for children from 1 to 3 p.m. and daily planetarium showings at 2 and 3 p.m.

Demonstration topics include "Electronics," "Reptiles," "Chemistry," and "Health."

Each day a special craft/science activity will be offered in the Discovery Place. Activities range from constructing egg carton creatures to snowflakes to collages to building birdfeeders.

In addition, the film strip, "Africa: Continent in Change" will be shown Tuesday through Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Families will enjoy vacation week at the Science Museum. **Special Vacation Classes**

The Springfield Science Museum offers morning science classes for children during February vacation week, February 21st to 24th. Registration is still being accepted for the two classes "Prehistoric Mammals

and Other Great Beasts" and "Getting To Know Reptiles."

In the class "Prehistoric Mammals and Other Great Beasts" students age 7 to 9 become familiar with some of the most unusual creatures of the Age of Mammals, including the woolly mammoth, cave-bear and giant sloth. The two-day class will be held on February 21st and 22nd.

The other two-session workshop for 7 to 9 year-olds is offered February 23rd and 24th. "Getting to Know Reptiles" enables children to meet some of the museum's favorite reptiles, including a Florida King snake, a boa constrictor and a variety of turtles.

Two other February courses are also offered. "Animal Myths, Legends and Misconceptions" runs February 11th, 18th and 25th for 7 to 9 year-olds. And, for children age 10 to 13, "Exploring Geology and the Powers of Nature" starts February 25th. It is a 4-week class.

Class size is limited. Early registration is suggested. A fee is charged for all classes. For more information and to register call the Science Museum at 733-1194, Tuesday through Friday.

Karen Augusti On Dean's List

Karen A. Augusti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Augusti of 46 Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean List at Babson College.

Babson is an independent coeducational college offering graduate and undergraduate degrees in business administration. It is one of the few colleges in the country to offer a major in entrepreneurial studies. The school, founded in 1919, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and was the first non-university affiliated college to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

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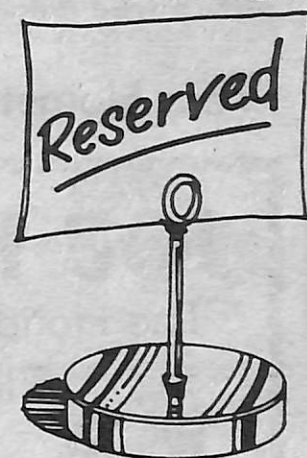
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Paul Tatro Honored



RECENTLY-RETIRED Assistant Superintendent of Schools Paul Tatro watches as Diane Curran, secretary of the superintendent's office, puts on a carnation this past Saturday night at a retirement dinner held in his honor. Mrs. Curran served as chairwoman of the committee who organized the dinner and program which followed. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RETIRED EDUCATOR Paul Tatro and his wife, the former Lucille Letendre, take time out from a hectic retirement dinner last Saturday night where 250 family, friends, and colleagues honored him, for a Jack Devine photo. The evening was highlighted by Paul being roasted, cooked, and turned over for well done by those who have known him over the years.

Middle School Honor Roll

Grade 7

Chad Alechny, Robert Ayers, Amy Barber, Melissa Barbieri, Michael Bellini, Timothy Bellows, Carolyn Belniak, Melissa Blackburn, Mark Bluteau, Jennifer Bonavita, Michael Bottasso, Bryan Boutwell, Christopher Brunelle, Timothy Burns, Christopher Caron, Scott Cavallo, Sally Champagne, Jeffrey Chapdelaine, Kimberly Christy, Maureen Ciempa, Jennifer Claffin, Michael Cleavall, George Corgan. Also named are Kenneth Cornwell, Suzanne Couture, Alana Daniels, Kristi Daponde, Ted Decosmo, Lori Desimone, Julie Dialessi, Danielle Dionne, Christopher Ditomasi, Ivan Djekic, Jeremy Doran, Heather Dupont, David Fazio, Paula Fieldstad, Charlene Fillion, Christine Fillion, Carrie Finck, Erich Fogg, Sharon Gaffney, Kimberly Galarneau.

Heather Gearing, Donald Gibson, Jennifer Giannetti, Michael Gravel, Todd Greene, Melissa Guertin, Christopher Harman, Kimberly Hebert, Kristin Heyman, Kimberly Hodges, Allison Hubbard, Travis Hyland, Derek Innarelli, Michele Jary, Cynthia Jochim, Susan Joseph, Elizabeth Korza, Maria Kubik, Steven Lane, Melanie Lepage, Christopher Laplante, Karen Larrivee, Lynne Lepore, John Loncrini, Kimberly Longto, Steven Lubarsky, Karen McCarthy, Scott McCrystal, Thomas McElligott, Beth McEwan, Erica Marieb, Jamie Milici, William Moccio Jr., Karen Modzelewski, Michele Monkiewicz.

Christine Morassi, Adam Moylan, Hollie Nading, Tod Nofall, Dana Orsucci, Carrie Ouimet, Mark Paskowsky, Michael Passerini, Brian Peltier, Jennifer Pioggia, Ronald Pioggia, John Prendergast, Christine Proakis, Lauren Provost, Tricia Rea, Jeffrey Retzler, Michael Robbins, Tamara Rocca, James Russell Jr., Brent Sanborn, Kim Satkowski, Jennifer Scalise, Christine Scherpa, Christine Schoenborn, Amy Schroeder, John Serra, Lawrence Sheehan, Mark Shively, Tracey Sitek, Bridget Talbot, Todd Tryba, Aaron Vanderhoof, Todd Vangsness, Ashli Vrijenhoek, Kimberly Walsh, Denise Wands, Julie Waniewski, Michael Williams, Steven Wilmes, Natalie Young,

Wendy Ziemba.

Grade 6

Debbie Albano, Scott Anderson, Michael Berthiaume, Michele Bilodeau, Marsha Blais, Stacy Boliski, Diana Bortolussi, Melissa Brown, Tara Camyre, Janet Carabetta, Jenna Cardaropoli, Joseph Cardaropoli, David Champigny, Michele Ciborowski, David Clark, Jana Conlin, Michael Cook, Jennifer Crane, Cheryl Czepiel, Nicole Daigneau, Jennifer Daubney, Anita David, Lisa Davies, Aimee Davignon, Laura Dialessi, Kristin Dilizia, Derek Dintzner, James Dion, Michele Elliott, Christine Filkoski, Eric Franco, Christopher Frechette, Melissa Gaboury, Andrew Gilbert, Alana Graham, Daniele Graham, Peter Griffin, Christine Guiel, Victoria Gurley, Karen Hanson, Doreen Healey, Jennifer Hickling, Charles Hoffman, Mia Impoco, Susan Jakuboski, Christine Liszka, Michael Kosinski, Nicole Lachance, Judith Llewellyn, Kerry Long, and Megan McDade.

Jennifer McNamee, Allison Madry, Christopher Mahoney, Anthony Mancuso, Frank Maniscalco, Enrico Manes, Alyson Manning, Mark Martin, Meggan Martin, Catherine Meredith, Cathleen Moore, Jeffrey Morassi, Simon Moylan, Hans Mueller, Barbara Murphy, Kimberly Mutti, Tammy Nardi, Jilda Navick, Claudia Nofall, Christine Nowacki, Maureen O'Keefe, Karen Paquette, Karen Patterson, Brian Payne, Elizabeth Gould, Allan Porowski, Emanuel Poulos, Wendy Pudlo, Carol Quink, Kriste Radtke, Susan Rahilly, Sasha Rancourt, Margaret Reeves, John Regish, Robert Rickson, Jennifer Robinson, Kerry Robinson, Christine Root.

Eric Rose, Karen Runshaw, Kathryn St. Hill, Donald Salva, Martin Santaniello, Catherine Scaggs, Jennifer Scaggs, Cherie Seaver, Michael Semanie III, Michael Shea, David Sheehan, Eric Shepard, Anthony Stack, Joelle Theroux, Lori Tietze, Christine Turcotte, Teri Voight, Christine Waite, Jennifer Warner, Michael Welch, Aaron Wood, Michael Wright, Amy Zielinski, Alicia Zonis, Lori Zukowski.

Bay Path College Receives State Funds

Bay Path Junior College has been awarded a total of \$12,500 in state funds for use in three new pilot financial aid programs created by the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education. Included in the total are \$5,000 to be used for a Work Study Program, \$3,500 for a Low Interest Loan Program, and \$4,000 for an Adult Learners Program.

These new programs are to be implemented during the spring semester with all funds expended for student assistance by June 30th, and will aid a number of Massachusetts residents who are enrolled at Bay Path.

The Work Study Program will place students in educationally related employment assignments which, at Bay Path, will be primarily on campus. The Loan Program will provide loans to state residents at 5 percent interest. This is a lower interest rate than either the Guaranteed Students loans at 8 percent, or the Parents Loans for Undergraduate Students at 12 percent.

The Adult Learners Program will provide financial assistance to women enrolled in Bay Path's Continuing Education Program for women age 22 and over, and will be directed particularly toward low income, single parent households with dependent children.

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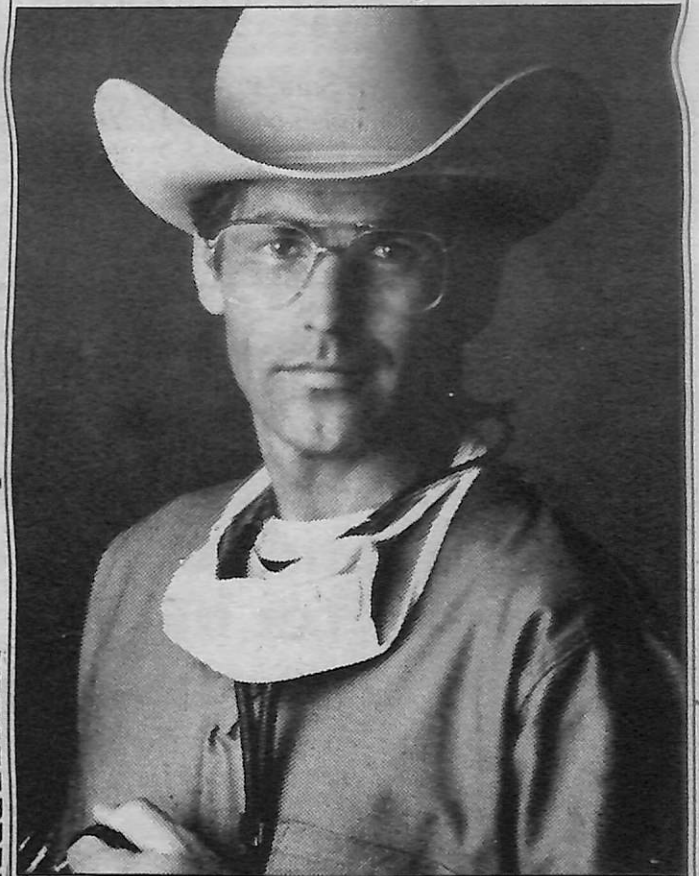
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Henry Kozloski, Loraine Leavitt, Deanna Longley, Anne Llewellyn, Michael Loomer, Jeffrey Mackechnie, Marlo Montesi, Allyson Murphy, Christopher Ollari, Lesley Pariseau, Kelly Piccoli, Christopher Provost, Richard Pryce, Simona Ravelli, Mary Ribeiro, Christine Skiba, Gloria Trolio, Joseph Walz, Jodie Warren, John Welch, Sean Welch, Amy White, Frank Windoloski, Karen Wright.

Grade 9

Linda Allder, David Andry, Tracy Armstrong, Gary Barker, Jane Barrett, Joseph Baruffaldi, Robert Beaulieu, Michelle Bellefeuille, Michelle Blanchard, Joseph Bourbonnais, Jennifer Brantley, Thomas Briggs, Laurie Brunelle, Denise Bull, Maureen Burns, Nicholas Carra, Mark Casiello, Mark Charest, Karen Ciborowski, Tracy Cimaroli, Lisa Connor, Linda Cosby, Michelle Czupta, Karen Daborowski.

Jon Daniels, Thomas Denardo, Christine Desilets, Stephanie Douglass, Stacie Fancy, Susan Fassnacht, Kimberly Ferris, Tina Forgues, Amy Golemo, James Hanson, Lisa Hutchinson, Kathleen Jemiolo, Carolyn Jochim, Karen Kilian, Thomas King, Karen Kosinski, Teresa Labonte, Patricia Landry, Patricia Lawrence, Mark Lepper, Holly Lewis, Eric Lubarsky, Rebecca Ludemann, Shannon Magee, Melissa Martin.

Teresa Martone, Angela Mastromatteo, Nancy Merchant, Kim Nardi, Daniel Oberle, Heather Pierce, Judith Pignatare, Kimberly Plakias, James Puhala, Cynthia Rosner, Scott St. Hill, Edmund Salva, Peter Scheidler, John Smidt, Jennifer Souders, Rosemarie Stack, Brian Taylor, David Szabla, Jeffrey Touchette, Rebecca Turner, Kristen Votzak, Christina Walsh, Leigh Whittaker.

Special Mention: Robert Couture, Nancy Stefanowich.



BOY SCOUT OFFICIAL HARRIS TANNER (left) watches as new Eagle Scouts Paul Bourdeau and David Beaudet receive their high honor from their moms at the Boy Scout Troop 76 annual Scouting Anniversary Banquet held on Sunday, February 12th at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. These presentations highlighted the evening. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Troop 76 Presents Two Eagle Scout Awards

Boy Scout Troop 76 held its annual Scouting Anniversary Banquet on Sunday, February 12th at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two Eagle Awards, scouting's highest honor.

The presentation was made by Dick Gingras Sr., Council Achievement Chairman, Harris Tanner, Chairman of Leadership Development in Pioneer Valley Council, and Ray Williamson, with a proclamation read by State Representative Mike Walsh.

The recipients were David Beaudet, now a member of Explorer Post 76, and Paul Bourdeau Jr., Senior Patrol Leader of the troop.

Other awards of rank given out were Life Scout to David Barber and First Class Scout to Matt Quinn and Andy Borsari.

Troop 76 is sponsored by St. Theresa's Church in Agawam. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 15 who would like to join may come down any Friday night at 7 p.m. to St. Theresa's Hall, corner of Bridge and Cooley Streets, Agawam.

Debbie Cheetham Attains Dean's List

Miss Deborah Cheetham attained dean's list at American International College majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cheetham of 700 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

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AHS Accounting Club Donate Time, Funds To Tim Sunstrom

By Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

For the past 10 years, students of the Agawam High School accounting club have raised monies for senior scholarships by preparing short federal and state income tax forms.

This year, however, the 13-member club will donate the proceeds to the "Timmy Fund," an account set up for a local 15-year-old boy suffering from leukemia.

Timmy Sunstrom, a ninth grade junior high student who resides at 119 Corey Colonial, has been undergoing chemotherapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Fund To Help Defray Medical Costs

Because of the astronomical medical expenses his family must incur while Timmy receives treatment, neighbors at Corey Colonial have initiated a special fund in an effort to help defray these medical costs.

According to accounting teacher Rudy Altobelli, club members raised approximately \$200 last year and are hopeful of raising at least the same amount, if not more, this year.

He explains that club members, who are junior and senior advanced accounting students, will prepare the short federal and state forms for a \$5 fee. Altobelli reports that most income tax services presently charge \$20 for completing the short forms which makes the club fee a real bargain for local residents.

The club director points out that the majority of the tax forms the club presently receives are from senior high students.

He says, however, that he is hopeful area residents, especially senior citizens who may have poor eye sight, and are on fixed incomes, will become involved in the club's efforts and avail themselves of the discounted tax service.

Altobelli, a 20-year, self-employed tax expert, says that residents may leave their tax forms along with their home telephone numbers in the senior high office.

All forms, which will be completed and returned to residents within two days time, will be carefully re-checked and verified for accuracy by Altobelli.

Besides providing good practical experience for accounting club members, the project is a worthy cause, one which students, who know Timmy's older brother Tom, a senior, feel "hits close to home."

Altobelli said that if the tax project is successful, his students may become involved in other future "Timmy Fund" projects such as car washes, senior hat sales, and bake sales.

He notes that all monies raised will be donated to the "Timmy Fund" before the end of the school year.

Altobelli explains that the accounting club, which was originated 18 years ago, meets both during class periods and after school.

Officers for this year are Arden Guffy, president; Darlene Vignato, vice-president; Patty Wojcik, treasurer; and Kent Porth, fundraising chairman.

Club Annually Hosts Guest Speakers

Besides past trips to the New York Stock Exchange, the club annually hosts guest speakers from the Mass. Dept. of Revenue as well as local certified public accountants.

Club members state that they are hopeful residents will be supportive of the tax project to which they are completely dedicated. Even though monies raised would have benefitted them in the form of scholarships, members philosophize that they have plenty of time in which to earn money, attend college, and become successful.

"We have our whole lives ahead of us, but Timmy only has now. If we can help to prolong his life by easing the financial burden on his family, then we feel we have been successful," declares club president Arden Guffy.

Altobelli describes his students as dedicated, conscientious, and enthusiastic.

"I feel this project will be successful, if for no other reason than the students and their total dedication to its cause."

"Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."
Michelangelo



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTING CLUB are currently raising funds for 15-year old Timmy Sunstrom, a ninth grade junior high school student who lives at 119 Corey Colonial in Agawam. Timmy is suffering from leukemia and the funds will go towards his care and medical expenses. From left (standing) accounting club students Arden Guffrey, Kent Porth, and Patty Wojcik review an income tax return with Darlene Vignato (seated). Club members are raising funds for "The Timmy Fund" by doing income tax returns. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High School Honor Roll

Grade 12

Karen Albano, Thaisa Alechny, Scott Bartels, Carla Beavis, Clifford Belden, Raymond Belden, Gail Belisle, Ronald Benoit, Suzanne Bergin, Denise Bourbonnais, Laura Bruso, Eva Burmeister, Michael Cecchi, Michael Charest, Lisa Chevalier, Kevin Connors, Colleen Conway, Thomas Cruz, Michele Cusson, David Dematteo, Michael Desmond, Michele Early, Susan Feil, Denise Fisher, Leea Fisher, Stephen Fisher, Jeanne Fortier, Lisa Frechette, Carol Gasiorowski, Lynn Gaulin, Regina Gazar, Diane Goodman, Kathleen Gorman, Judith Govoni, V. Mich Govoni, Anthony Grasso, Arden Guffey, Thomas Hanson, Tara Hazen, Keith Hollinger, Beverly Johnson, Steven Jury, John Kelly II, Dennis King, Eric King, Kathleen Kosak, Lena Kozloski.

Kathryn Kudelski, Filome Larocca, Lisa Laudato, Dean Leclerc, Mario Luzzi, Janet Mallory, Debora Marai, Nicole Marsh, Lori Martinelli, Joseph Maruszczak, Anthony Mastromatteo, Alan Mazza, Deanna Mezzetti, Deborah Morassi, Deborah Most, Marie Nahajlo, Corrine Nason, Eric Nowill, Maria Ollari, Jeffrey O'Neil, Edward Piccoli, Amy Lou Porter, Tammy Potter, Dorothy Preston, Lori Rahily, Shannon Rogers, Monica Rose, Carolyn Rosner, Michele St. Pierre, Lee Ann Sandlin, Catherine Sheehan, Lori-A Smith, Karen Spaulding, Michael Stassen, Sonja Turner, Dana Venturini, Andrew Vezis, Sharon Walsh, Diane Wheeler, James Wright, Lisa Wrzesien, Lynda Yacovone, Lynne Ziegert.

Grade 11

Paul Avery, Pamela Avery, Pamela Beele, Darryl Brennan, Christine Burrows, William Champagne, Angela Christy, Karen Conway, Melissa Copple, Kimberly Corriveau, Christine Delbarba, Michael

Fazio, Paul Ferraro, William Fortier, Nancy Frappier, Kerry Frechette, Dean George, Susan Harpin, John Hauser Jr., Shelly Haynes, Lori Helin, Troy Hitchcock, Paul Joseph, Michael Karam, Sharon Kiddy, Edward Korza, Christine Kosinski, Anthony Kunasek, Gregory Labine, Gina Letellier, Roseann Longo, Sandra Lynch, Kelly McNamee, Joanne Mason, Scott Milliken, Christine Moore, Leah Negrucci, Steven Oberle, Patricia O'Donnell, Joanne Pallotta, Karen Pertusi, Jill Phillips, Diana Porter, Jennifer Powell, Carol Ribeiro, John Shannon, Anne Smith, Matthew Soffen, Renee Talbot, Andrea Tebaldi, Jennifer Trehey, Jeffrey Wands, Stephen Wands, Robert Wing Jr.

Grade 10

Donna Albano, Marni Ayers, Kristy Bellini, Kenneth Berard, Kristin Bodurtha, Kelley Bolduc, April Breault, Cari Brown, Deborah Brown, Patricia Burns, Rosell Cloutier, Christin Colagiovanni, Gina Dialessi, Donna Dilullo, Dawn Donatini, Cheril Doucette, Kimberly Downing, Lori Ehresman, Paul Enderle, Kelly Fedora, Shaun Ferrendino, Richard Ferry, Gina Fiester, Barbara Garrity, Thomas Gionfriddo, Lori Harpin, Timothy Hebert, Donald Hume, Michael Jemiolo, Karen Kane, Kelly Kaufmann, Lora Kiddy, Catherine Landry, Kevin Long, Richard Malinoski, Lisa Markowski, Margaret Marquis.

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Spotlight On Business...

Locals Serving In Various Capacities At West Side Ambulatory

By Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Local Agawam women are with the professional staff at West Springfield Ambulatory Medical Care Center on Park Street.

Represented By Years Of Experience

They represent many years of experiences in their field of nursing and radiology technology. The Center's Medical Director, Dr. N. Raj Birudavol said during an interview that he is pleased to have the Agawam residents among his staff.

They include Kay Battles, Virginia Horn, Martha Dupont, and Penny Kasperek.

Kay Battles has been with the Medical Center since it opened in September 1983. A registered nurse, she brings twenty-three years of experience to the Center. She has lived in Agawam twenty years and holds a B.S.N. degree and works full-time at the West Springfield Medical Center as supervisory nurse.

Kay resides on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills with her five children.

Sandra is a graduate of Agawam High School, Jeffrey and Gregory are sophomores at Agawam High School, Andrew is at Agawam Junior High School and Scott is in the fourth grade at St. Thomas in West Springfield.

Virginia Horn is a radiology technologist with fifteen years of experience in her field. She has two grown sons and recently moved to town from Maine.

She has been at the Center since October. Another radiology technologist from Agawam working at the Medical Center is Martha Dupont. She is a recent Magna Cum Laude graduate of STCC and has been with the facility since November. She has a daughter Heather, at the Middle School.

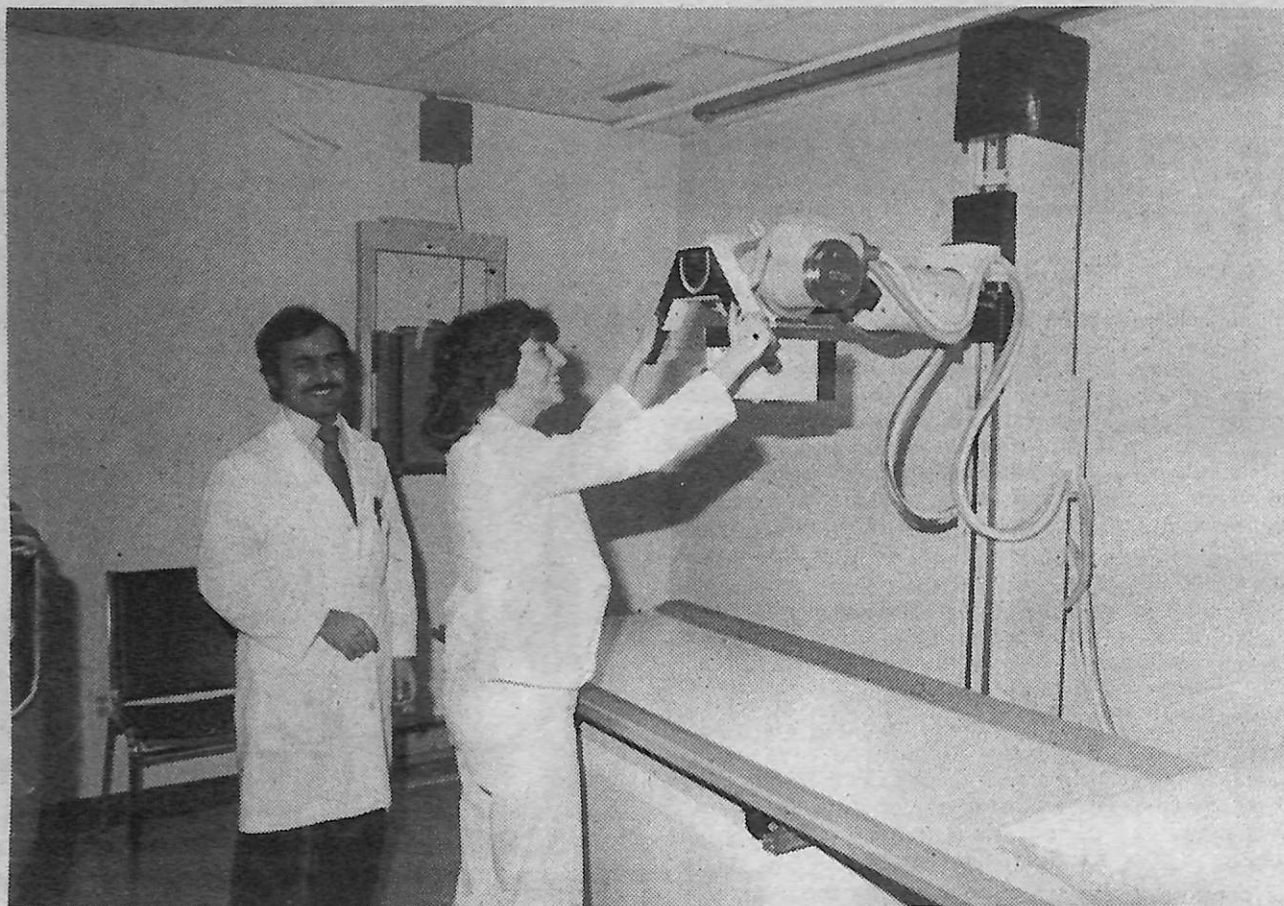
Relief nurse Penny Kasperek is an L.P.N. and lives in Agawam with her husband Chet who is a member of the Agawam Police Department. They have two children. Daughter Kim attends Agawam High School and their son Christopher attends the Middle School. Penny has been with the Center since December.

Other members of the staff working with local residents are from West Springfield, Chicopee, and Ludlow. They are all under the direction of Dr. N. Raj Birudavol. Dr. Birudavol has an interesting background.

He was born in Nellore, India and attended Guntur Medical College. He also completed a five-year general surgery residency in Northern Ireland and was board certified in Ireland (U.K.).

He recalled that due to the political and civil strife in Belfast at that time, he received extensive experience in trauma surgery. Since coming to the U.S. in 1978 he had further training in radiology and urology before settling into emergency medicine.

Dr. Birudavol related that he has been practicing emergency medicine for three and a half years and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Trauma Life Support.



DR. N. RAJ. BIRUDAVOL, resident physician and director of the West Springfield Ambulatory Medical Care Center watches Martha Dupont use the the equipment in the X-Ray room at the modern facility. Dr. Birudavol, a native of India, came to practice medicine in the United States in 1978. He opened the center September of last year. The Westfield resident speaks with pride about his facility which has the most modern equipment for the benefit of his patients. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The doctor lives in Westfield with his wife Florence who is originally from Ireland. They are expecting their first child in April. She is a registered nurse and is working towards her bachelor's degree in psychology.

Before settling in this area, they toured all of the eastern states and visited family in California. Mrs. Birudavol said that she likes this area very much as it reminds her of Ireland.

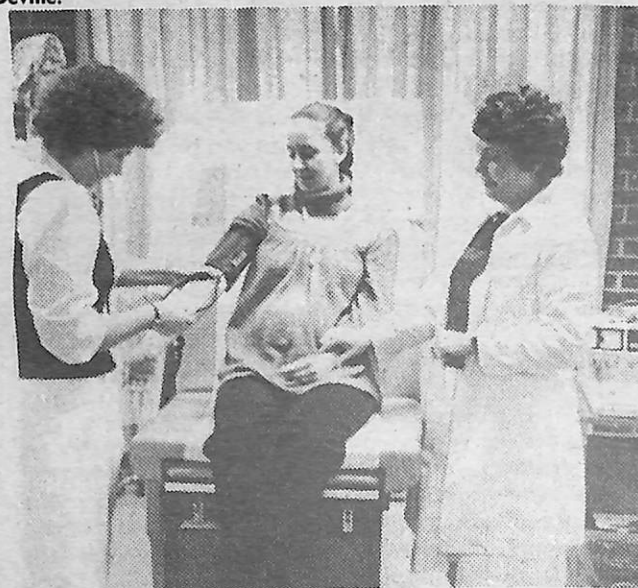
Modern Equipped Office

Dr. Birudavol speaks with great pride of his well-equipped medical center. There is a modern X-ray room on the premises that uses a system called "Rare Earth Imaging." He explained that it is valued because it releases less radiation to patients.

They also have a cardiac room equipped with a "Life Pack System." This includes a Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator & EKG machine. Along with examining rooms, diagnostic X-ray and EKG services, an extensive laboratory is also at the medical center.

The West Springfield Ambulatory Medical Center is at 51 Park Avenue in West Springfield located at the far end of the West Springfield Green on the corner of Park Avenue and Main Street. It is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week including holidays.

The Medical Center opened September 1, 1983 and it offers emergency medicine and non-emergency medicine to all ages. A physician is on duty during regular hours and appointments are not necessary.



PENNY KASPERAK, L.P.N takes the blood pressure of a patient in the "Trauma Room" at the West Springfield Ambulatory Medical Center on Park Avenue. Looking on is Kay Battles, supervisory nurse at the center.



By George - "It's Washington's Day"

by Mildred Talmadge

(feature writer for Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News)

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

What is on your agenda for Washington's Birthday? Now it does not always fall on the 22nd since it was shifted so we could enjoy a long holiday weekend. Most of us will be doing anything but paying tribute to the Father of our Country.

Not so in his home town of Alexandria, Virginia. Each year festivities there last nearly a week to give them ample time to celebrate the memory of their favorite son.

At seventeen, George Washington, a surveyor, became a resident of Alexandria. His aptitude for mathematics in his early schooling led him to geometry, trigonometry, and eventually surveying, which became his career.

He was appointed a public surveyor and this assignment took him into the wilderness. He endured rugged terrain, storms, swollen streams and slept in the open air. He often met up with savage Indians from whom he earned respect.

If you have ever wondered how this lauded gentleman could carry on with such endurance during the rugged stress of war, it was the years in the wilderness which helped prepare him. For these rigorous assignments he was paid handsomely.

When Washington was 20 his half brother Lawrence, died and left him Mount Vernon. He continued his career as a surveyor, and also raised tobacco which he exported to England. At 27 he married Martha Curtis, a widow with two children, John and Martha.

Both George and Martha had estates of considerable worth, and it is said that at this period he devoted his time to managing their finances. There is no evidence that George received any inheritance from his ancestors in England.

The ancestral home, Sulgrave Manor, is evidence of considerable means. The house was built by Lawrence Washington in 1560. Colonel John Washington, George's great-grandfather, left Sulgrave Manor in 1656 to settle in Virginia. George had little interest in genealogy, per se, and when questioned, seemed unaware of, or not interested in, the ancestral home. However, today it is one of the few unofficial places in England to fly the American flag.

A visit to this beautiful estate is truly an unforgettable experience. One little, sidelight on my visit there was quite amusing. The charming hostess with her delightful English accent used a British turn of phrase: "It is too bad you weren't here last week because now the daffodils have gone over." However, the gardens were exquisitely beautiful even without their brightness.

George Washington's portraits we come across seem so austere that it was nice to uncover that he was a jolly man and enjoyed many fun times with his two step-children.

We all know the history of how George Washington was called to lead the colonials during the Revolution, and later to become our country's first president. His birthday was one of few observed while the 'hero' was still alive. However, there was much objection to this from factions claiming it was "idolatrous," and Thomas Jefferson chose to ignore it. It seems politics had begun to rear its head early in our country's history.

This year the 252nd anniversary of the birth of George Washington, his old hometown will carry out their yearly celebration. On Saturday evening there will be a banquet and ball. If a colonial costume is not worn, 'black tie' is required. The Birthright Ball will be at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the sight of the 1798 and 1799 balls attended by George and Martha.

On Sunday afternoon 'British' and 'Colonial' uniformed troops will engage in a skirmish.

On Monday there will be a parade claimed to be the nation's largest celebrating this day.

So, no matter what you do to enjoy your Monday holiday, perhaps at some point you will turn your thoughts to Alexandria, Virginia and to the great statesman whom we are honoring.





Arts

"Exit The Body" Superbly Staged By Local Encore Players

by Phil Benoit

Advertiser News Entertainment Writer

If you were going to write a mystery, would you devise a plot based on fact or just use your imagination to create a story? Judging from the events in the Encore Players' production of *Exit the Body*, one writer had better rely on her mind because her personal experiences are more preposterous than any fiction she could dream up.

The three-act, Fred Carmichael mystery comedy, which ran from February 9th through 11th, has two more performances scheduled for February 17th and 18th at 8 p.m. All shows are played at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Vacationing In Vermont

Exit the Body tells the story of how a person's vacation turns into utter chaos. Before she writes a new novel, mystery authoress Crane Hammond (Jean Burns) takes a week of rest and relaxation. But instead of spending her current break in New York City, she decides to head for Birchville, Vermont.

Not only does her vacation spot offer the rustic tranquility she wanted, but Crane's temporary residence seems like something from one of her books. This New England house is believed to be the location of a cache of stolen diamonds, yet no one has been able to find the loot since the estate's owner died.

At first, the novelist has no intention of looking for the diamonds, but she soon finds herself caught up in this enigma when bodies turn up in the downstairs closet of the country house. What's more perplexing, however, is that these bodies vanish as quickly as they appear.

Exit the Body is an uproarious farce that provides lots of laughs. Although the script is a bit long-winded and the mystery isn't well-developed, the Encore Players compensate for these flaws through fine direction and impressive acting.

Timing is important to this kind of comedy, and director Bruce Harvey manages to coordinate both the physical and verbal aspects of the play. During the early portion of the third act, for example, most of the characters are onstage in order to search for the missing diamonds.

This is a difficult situation to direct because the stage is dark at this point and the characters are trying to hide from one another; when someone walks into the middle of the room, another person ducks behind a door. Since these cast members didn't make a mistake in their movements last Friday night, the result was some hilarious moments reminiscent of the Keystone Cops.

Burns has proven that she's a talented director through past productions for the Encore Players, but her performance as Crane Hammond demonstrates that she is just as capable on the stage. She makes her "straight man" character fun to watch by means of gestures which convey anxiety; Crane is comfortable when it comes to writing about danger, but she's an outright fraidy-cat while dealing with the real thing.

A Sarcastic Complainer

Helene Bernstein is also memorable as Kate Bixley, the author's secretary. This character is a sarcastic complainer who'd feel right at home in the company of Don Rickles, and Bernstein makes her a perfect foil for Crane.

With comical clothes and an exaggerated Yankee accent, Laura Scantlen fits the image of a small-town, old maidish businesswoman. This actress, however, has portrayed spinsters in earlier Encore plays, so she's quite skillful when it comes to giving charm and wit to stereotypical characters such as Helen O'Toole, the real estate agent who rents Crane the country house.

Lisa Brozini almost steals the show as Jenny, a young maid. This character is a dim-witted girl, and Brozini uses a chipmunk-like voice to enhance the comic effect. But it's the actress's delivery which makes her performance enjoyable, especially when she's annoying Kate Bixley.

The best performance, however, is given by the play's director. Harvey portrays Vern Cookley, a good-natured hick who serves as Birchville's sheriff, dog catcher, and justice of the peace (among other duties). The veteran actor is so convincing as Vern that you believe you're watching an actual human being instead of a fictional character.

Although a couple of the performers flubbed some lines during last Friday's show, the Encore Players made their latest production a success. *Exit the Body* is another example of why this theater company is one of the best in the area when it comes to giving people an evening's worth of pleasant entertainment.

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** For ticket information on *Exit the Body*, call 737-0918 or 596-6737.



A SCENE FROM "Exit The Body," currently being staged by the local community theatre group, The Encore Players. The show has two more performances, February 17th and 18th slated for this weekend. Call 737-0918 or 596-6737 for ticket information.

Sweet Adelines To Perform In Chicopee

The Pioneer Valley Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. will present its annual show, *Broadway and Back in Barbershop*, on Saturday, February 18th, at the Bellamy Middle School in Chicopee, Mass., with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 8 p.m.

The Pioneer Valley Chorus, directed by Peg Thompson, will feature a selection of favorite hit songs from Lionel Bart's Broadway show *Oliver*. Performing with the chorus, in the part of Fagin, will be Gil Vickers, former Director of Music at Springfield College, and formerly choral director of the Springfield Symphony Chorus. For the past year, Mr. Vickers has been vocal coach for the Pioneer Valley Chapter.

In the second part of their show, the Pioneer Valley Chorus will perform other Broadway hit songs, and of course, a selection of favorite barbershop "oldies."

Other groups performing in the barbershop extravaganza will be the Boston Common, International champion mens' quartet (performing at the evening show only); the Springfield Chordsmen chorus; and a champion Sweet Adelines quartet, Rainbow Express, from the Farmington Valley Chapter.

Tickets are \$4 for the matinee (special group rate for senior citizens is \$3, with a group of ten or more) and \$6 for the evening show.

Call Diane Doe at 568-4303 for ticket information. To order your ticket directly, send your check with stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Ticket Chairman, Marion Byrnes, 18 Claremont Street, Springfield, Mass. 01108.

Connecticut Valley Museum Offers Programs For Children

When your precious cherub exclaims "there's nothing to do" during winter school vacation, let them warm up to a week full of old-fashioned fun sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

The trade secrets of Connecticut Valley craftsmen will be shared through hands-on activities for children ages 8-14 on Wednesday, February 22nd at Liberty Library; on Thursday, February 23rd at Forest Park Library; and on Friday, February 24th at Sixteen Acres Library, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children can learn how to create useful household objects of our ancestors and discover the patience and dexterity needed in carding, spinning, and weaving wool. To warm the heart and soul of budding young craftsmen, fireside crafts will let children create and sample tasty morsels of the past. Explore ancestral winter toils and treats at a branch library during school vacation week.

There is a material fee of \$1.00. Registration can be made at the sponsoring library or by calling the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at (413) 732-3080.

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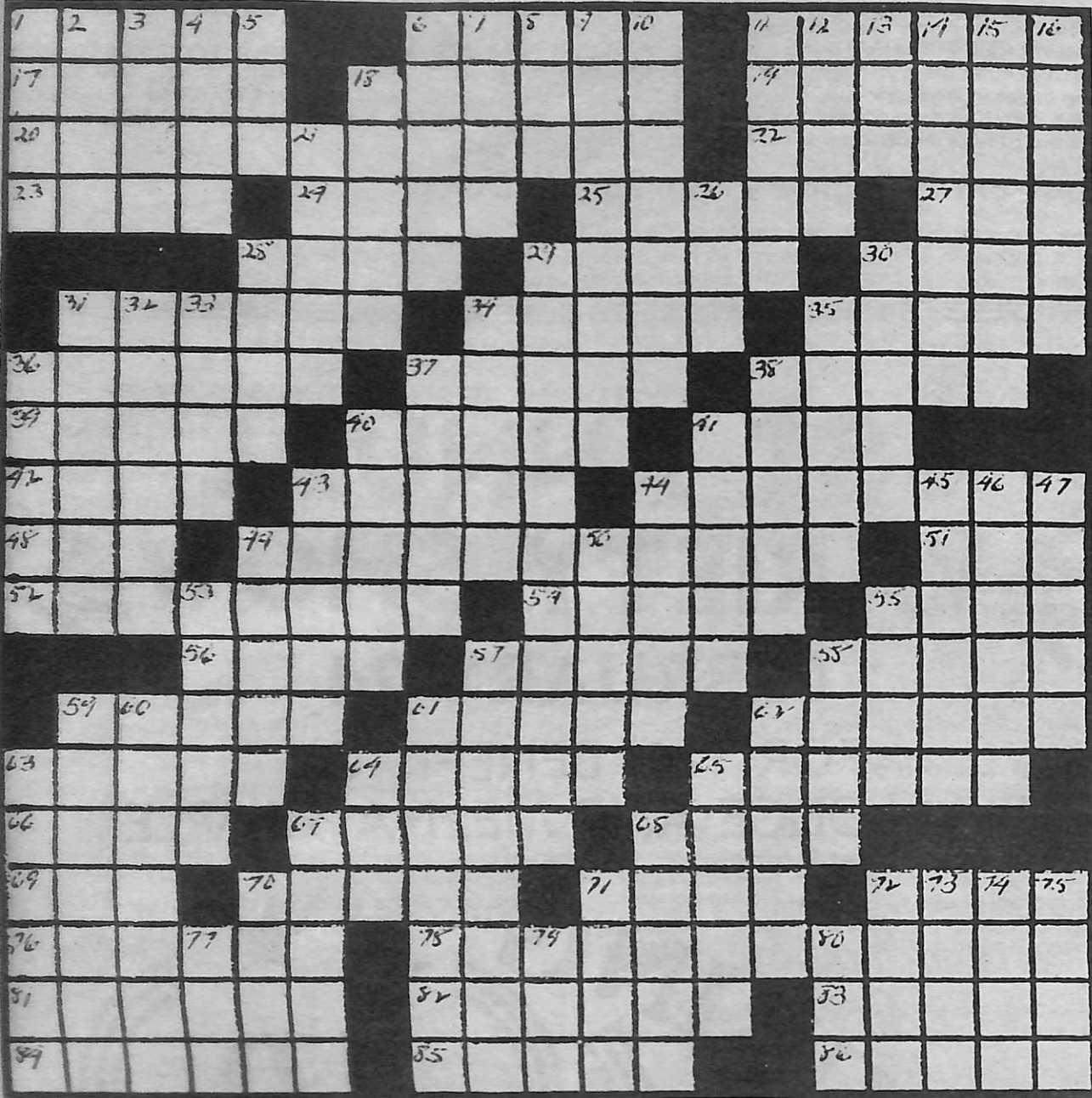
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1. Actress Shearer
6. — — boat (water past time)
11. Cuban leader
17. On the briny
18. Birthstone
19. NBA commissioner
20. Poet with Vincent for a middle name
22. Stringed instruments
23. Pianist Myra
24. Japanese WWII dive bombers
25. Did an electrical job
27. Literary monogram
28. Lug
29. Prolific home run hitter
30. Dirt
31. Feminine name: pl.
34. Derivative of Helen
35. Avoids
36. Inclines
37. Valley
38. Fire suds: var.
39. — with (played)
40. Leporids
41. Commanded
42. Ancient lyre
43. Vladimir Ulyanov
44. Newscaster Eric
48. Solidify
49. Searcher for "The Fountain of Youth"
51. Actress Joanna
52. Hollywood's "Sly"
54. Parts of a whole
55. Bad bistro-slang
56. Priest
57. Stains
58. Pose again
59. Carriages
61. "Guys and —"
62. Imps fathers
63. — day
64. Pusan's land
65. Words of goodbye
66. Musical — breve
67. Cherries
68. Appendages
69. Unruly crowd
70. Don't — it!
71. Plant
72. Biblical land
76. Husband of Mut
78. Star of "House of Wax"
81. Struma
82. Sandy's mistress et al
83. Cherished award
84. Ninefold
85. Requirements
86. PGA's Calvin

DOWN

1. Poet from Rye, N.Y.
2. Bone: prefix
3. Sandpipers
4. Charts
5. Fire residue
6. Mink like animal
7. Goddess of war
8. Lodge
9. "Captain Cyclops" of baseball
10. Costumes
11. Witches group
12. Make — — (play the cards right)
13. Playwrights delight
14. Lean away: 2 wds
15. Expostulates
16. Beginnings
18. Insect pests
21. Bacchanal's cries
26. Mr. Reagan
28. "Don't — on me"
29. Former CIA director
30. Diaphanous
31. Storage area
32. Founder of the Jesuits
33. Mimic
34. Scarey
35. Auto type
36. Harts
37. Astaire's specialty
38. Peacocks
40. Hair coloring
41. A sugar source
43. Weaving equipment
44. Lengthwise cuts
45. "Wizard of Menlo Park"
46. Creator of "Rip Van Winkle"
47. Songs for two
49. Dramas
50. A-bomb plane name (with Gay)
53. Andes animal
55. Demonstration for short
57. "Marty" portrayer
58. Electrical measuring units
59. Man of great wisdom
60. Flemish painter
61. "Wild Bill" of the OSS
62. Mr. Chips portrayer
63. Cause injury to
64. Mr. Carson
65. Omens
67. PGA star from Louisville
68. Runs away
70. Calif. tarpit, with La
71. Nitric or prussic
72. Celtic
73. Vermin
74. " — on a Hot Tin —"
75. Boundary
77. New Testament: abbr.
79. Compass reading
80. Father: var.

Zenith Colorguard Sets Competition For Feb. 25th

Zenith Colorguard will host their 5th annual colorguard competition on Saturday, February 25th. The contest will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at Cathedral High School in Springfield. Units from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York will be featured.

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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment Writer

Dudley's Back On Track In *Unfaithfully Yours*

Dudley Moore's career seems to have been in a rut for the past couple of years. Not only did his last three pictures (*Six Weeks*, *Lovesick*, and *Romantic Comedy*) fail to make big bucks at the box office, but his performances in these pictures indicated a growing sense of apathy toward his roles. Fortunately, in his newest movie, *Unfaithfully Yours*, Moore takes the rust off of his acting skills and shows us the spirit which made him famous in *10* and *Arthur*.

Based on the 1948 Preston Sturges comedy of the same title, *Unfaithfully Yours* deals with one man's jealousy and how that jealousy impairs his rational thinking. Claude Eastman (Moore) is a middle-aged orchestra conductor who's married to a young, Italian movie star named Daniella (Nastassja Kinski). In fact, he is twice her age, and this difference in years worries him whenever she's around younger men.

Upon returning from a tour, Claude discovers that his valet (Richard Libertini) had a detective follow Daniella during his absence. When his boss said, "Keep any eye on her," the servant thought that he meant a private eye.

Despite this mix-up in instructions, the conductor is glad to have the detective's report because it appears that his wife is having an affair with Maximilian Stein (Armand Assante), a young violinist in his orchestra. As time goes by, Claude's anger over Daniella's presumed infidelity grows until he decides to get even with her and Max.

Until the second half, *Unfaithfully Yours* is a flawed comedy that's barely funny. Director Howard Zieff (*Private Benjamin*) makes the story predictable by using cliches which grew old during the first season of *Three's Company*.

In one scene, Claude follows Daniella to a pay phone and hears her laughing during the course of her conversation with the party on the other line. He, of course, assumes that she's talking to Max, but we know that she's speaking to someone else.

Another gimmick that's employed to keep the plot going is the lack of communication which can occur between people. When Max tells Claude that he is having an affair with a married woman, the young violinist doesn't realize that the conductor thinks he's talking about Daniella. Claude, meanwhile, doesn't know that Max is referring to someone other than his wife (when will filmmakers learn that this is the kind of stuff which has been the demise of countless television sitcoms?).

The movie comes to life, however, once the jealous conductor devises a scheme in which he kills Daniella and Max gets blamed for her murder. The humor in the following scenes succeeds because we see how Claude's plan runs like clockwork in his mind and how it backfires in operation. Another reason why this portion of the picture works may be the fact that it's similar to the original version, which is now considered a classic.

While the film's creators deserve credit for eventually improving it, it is Moore's performance which makes *Unfaithfully Yours* as good as it is. He puts a frantic energy into his role and, as he's done in previous pictures, uses his short stature as a source of comedy. Since this movie is his best one since *Arthur*, it's no wonder that this performance is Moore's finest since that 1981 hit; after all, when an actor stars in a bomb like *Six Weeks*, it is difficult for him to do an enthusiastic job.

Like the script, Kinski takes time to get better. At first, her acting is rather stiff and her bogus Italian accent makes it difficult for her to be understood. Later on in the film, however, Kinski's performance is more convincing and her accent doesn't interfere with her dialogue. This young actress isn't ready to win an Oscar, but at least she doesn't make a fool out of herself like she did in last year's *Exposed*.

Unfaithfully Yours is just an average comedy, but it will please Moore's fans and quell their doubts that the British comic actor has lost the ability to do what he does best - to make people laugh.

Rating: 2½ STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

PHILM CAPSULE

The Lonely Guy: 0 STARS - Except for *Hot Dog: The Movie* (what a title!), the worst new movie in town. A dull and depressing comedy which proves that Steve Martin's film career is on a seemingly irreversible downward slope.



Roller skating was introduced to America by James L. Plimpton in 1863. He invented the four wheel skate, which worked on rubber pads.

Catholic Women's Club Plans Annual Dinner Show

The annual dinner show of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club will be held on Monday, February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center of St. John's Church, Main Street in Agawam.

Mrs. James Stassen and her committee have arranged a baked ham dinner catered by Touchette's Cater-

ing Service.

The show, featuring talented club members is under the direction of Mrs. Richard Conway, Mrs. William Hayes, Mrs. David Raiche, Mrs. Albert Taupier, and Mrs. James Taupier. Pianist will be Miss Colleen Conway.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Plan Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, February 25th at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding

Hills at 8 p.m.

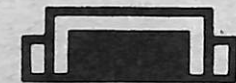
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Sports

Spellacy Saves Agawam In 4-4 Tie...

Hot Berry Race Goes To The Wire

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

Agawam center John Spellacy's dramatic goal with one second left on the game clock salvaged a wild 4-4 tie against stubborn West Springfield Tuesday night at the Coliseum.

Spellacy's goal was the climax of a schoolboy match which resembled Saturday afternoon TV-wrestling. This tie came after a blockbuster, 3-1 upset of league-leading Cathedral last Friday night for Agawam.

The Brownies' poor performance against out-of-playoff-contention West Side tightened the Berry Division race. Cathedral preserved its number one position by bombarding Westfield, 8-2 on Monday night.

The Longmeadow Lancers thrashed slumping Classical, 7-4 after the Brownies tied West Side. Cathedral looked like a runaway winner in the division but recent losses to both the Lancers and Brownies threw a wrench into the Panthers sailing into the playoffs.

The Panthers maintained a three-point lead (25) over both Agawam and Longmeadow (22 points).

Agawam's record stands at 10-4-2 and this sets-up a real biggie Friday night against Cathedral and they may have taken West Side too lightly," he lamented.

In tying West Side after winning the first two meetings, coach Eddie Drewnowski was livid in the post-game interview. "We didn't play well tonight. We were lucky to come out of this with a tie. The kids were coming off a big win against Cathedral and they may have taken West Side too lightly," he lamented.

In maintaining their five game unbeaten string, the locals were down, 4-3 with 20 seconds left after Ed Hall found the Brownie cage.

In an odds-against desperation attempt, the Brownies pulled goalie Dave Liptak (34 saves) and inserted an extra attacker.

After winning the important face-off, Agawam charged down to the Terrier goal and a chaotic scramble ensued in front of goalie Jerry Begley (41 saves).

Defenseman Rich Cassesse flipped the puck to teammate Kevin Mercadante who then found Spellacy cruising towards the net. Spellacy's mark was true just before the buzzer sounded.

Seven penalties were whistled in the first period and this was an indicator of the rumble which would follow. A total of 17 were called during the contest, ranging from slashing, cross checking, high sticking and a double misconduct penalty (one against boisterous Dennis Drewnowski of Agawam).

"We fell right into their style of game," Drewnowski said. "West Side (fifth place) likes it rough and my kids just ran around all night looking for things to hit, completely out of control."

The first period ended scoreless. Neither side could capitalize on abundant power play opportunities.

The second period got the scoreboard untracked. The Terriers were first to get the show rolling when Mike Ashe blasted a drive past Liptak at 10:29 while the Brownies were on the power play.

Agawam answered back with a Jay Passerini stuff-in on assists from John Pugliano and Tony Liquori at 12:48.

Third period action provided the most excitement as six goals were exchanged.

Agawam struck twice and took a 3-1 edge which appeared to put them in a command position. Cassesse's power play goal and one from Mercadante shot the locals to the two-goal advantage.

Another short-handed tally (shame on Agawam) by Ed Hall brought the Terriers to 3-2 at 9:09. Bob Oliver evened it a 3-3 with a flip past Liptak at 12:14.

With 20 seconds remaining, Hall gave West Side what everyone thought was the winning tally before Spellacy climaxed the backyard affair.

"We started to play our own game in the third period but it wasn't enough nor was it up to par. It's tough to get any rhythm or momentum when both teams are back-and-forth from the penalty box," said Drewnowski.

"Maybe this is good to get out of our systems before the last two games and the tournament comes," he added.

Against Cathedral, who had easily dropped Agawam by identical 7-2 tallies in two earlier meetings this season, there was none of the nonsense experienced in the West Side game.

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Follow The Bouncing Ball



IN AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION girls 8-10 basketball action on a recent Saturday afternoon, Christine Wing (left) attempts to dribble around Joy Clark as the ball takes a high bounce. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Advance reservations will be handled by the Basketball Hall of Fame until they become available at the Civic Center and on Datatix. Close to 2000 packages have already been sold for the championships which includes the women's semi-finals Thursday, March 22nd, men's semi-finals Friday, March 23rd, and both championship games Saturday, March 24th.

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Panther Grapplers Stop Locals To End Season

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

Agawam High's wrestling team, looking to finish the regular season on a winning note, fell to the clutches of strong Division I rival Cathedral, 31-18 on Wednesday, February 4th.

The loss dropped Agawam's record to 9-3 for the season, including two setbacks in a row. Still, the Brownies can be proud. They turned 360 degrees this winter after a disappointing, below-.500 campaign a year ago.

"It was really a good season and a good match against Cathedral," said veteran coach Phil Tomkeil. Cathedral had lost to a couple of teams that we had. We both have similar lineups."

The Brownies looked as if they were well on their way to caging the Panthers. The locals nailed down five of the first six matches. But Cathedral registered several pins against the Brownies, something other teams, even Classical, had failed to do.

The Panthers six-point pin production far outweighed Agawam's three-point decisions.

100-pounder Jimmy Frasco got the Brownies out front with a 6-1 decision. Frosh Barry Felix (114) recorded his first win of the season in a real cliffhanger.

Down 2-0 with nine ticks left on the clock, he overpowered his Panther opponent to gain an exciting, 4-2 win. Tomkeil was full of praise for Felix. "I was darn proud of him," said the Brownie mentor.

Teammate Ken Butt (128) survived a similar scare when he also provided some last second heroics. Behind 6-4, Butt dug down and built enough momentum to record a takedown on the whistle, earning him an 8-6 decision.

At 121 pounds, Brownie grappler Jay Frasco pinned Panther Pat Gillis in the first period with 1:08 remaining. Mike Morassi (134) earned three points for his fine efforts as he battled to a 10-6 decision.

With half the match already completed, the Brownies held a 15-6 edge. But the Cathedral pins turned the tide. "We figured we'd win five out of six matches that we did. We didn't figure we would get pinned like that," said Tomkeil.

Senior ace Frank Bowrys (157) was the only Agawam grappler to notch a victory in the remaining six weight classes. He disposed of previously undefeated Panther Dan Porcello. Bowrys' 6-1 decision, worth three points, were all that the Brownies could muster in the final matches.

Two very close encounters went to Cathedral. Darren Copple (169) wrestled very well but fell, 5-3 in the end. Ron Weiners (187) went the distance but lost a 2-1 heart-breaker.

A surprise in the heavyweight division earned Cathedral six insurance points. Al Ingham absorbed his first loss of the season at 2:25 of the second period on a pin to Jon Anderson.

Ingham had defeated Anderson at the Granby Christmas Tournament but the scale tipped the other way this day.

Since the Cathedral loss the locals have been preparing for the Western Mass. tournament on Saturday, February 18th at West Springfield High School. Five or six teams are capable of claiming the title, according to Tomkeil. Bowrys will be a favorite in his category. The locals placed high last year at the schoolboy tourney.

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A solid, all-around team effort saw the Brownies outplay Cathedral for over 35 of the 45-minutes fueled this most important victory.

Three different Brownies scored, including Kevin Mercadante, Dennis Drewnowski, and Jay Passerini (open net goal with 21 seconds left). Agawam peppered Panther goalie Brian Doyle with 35 shots while Dave Liptak was called upon only 17 times.

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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB held a wine and cheese party, combined with a movie at the Showcase Cinemas in West Springfield on Sunday, February 12th as a fundraising project. The spirits were high and the smiles were plenty for the good gathering of wrestling boosters who attended. From left - Ellie Colesano, Mary DiTomaso, Gary Geiger, a former Agawam High wrestler, and Nick DiTomaso. The Sunday evening affair proved to be a success for the booster club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Classical Dumps AHS In Division I Hoop

by Judith Kelliher

The Agawam High boys basketball team lost a 30-pointer to the talented hands of strong city quintet Classical, 62-32 in the near empty Springfield Civic Center Tuesday afternoon.

The Bulldogs (10-6) shook a recent slump and did everything but score for Agawam in a very one-sided contest that snapped their three-game losing streak.

For the Brownies, it pushed back their record to 0-17. Another tough city school, Commerce, did a number on the Brownies Friday night for the second time this season, 80-58.

The Agawam highlights in the Classical loss were few and far between. Neither side looked especially good in the ragged first quarter where the Bulldogs led, 16-10.

"We were right in the game in the first quarter and started off playing pretty well. But Classical has some very talented ballplayers who took the game well out of our reach," said first-year coach Peter Kowalski.

The deciding factor was Agawam's inability to put the ball in the hole because of turnovers. The locals handed the ball over 31 times, leaving themselves wide open for a barrage of Bulldog shots at the hoop.

Incredibly, the city school missed so many scoring chances it would have taken a calculator to compute the figures. At the half the Brownies trailed, 24-14. To put it mildly, the second period resembled a grade-school outing for both sides.

Classical coach Dave Stratton, an Agawam resident, must have said something to his troop during the intermission because the home folks came out firing in the third period.

Smooth Dexter Thomas and teammate Mike Hill put on a clinic at both ends as the Bulldogs exploded to a 42-20 lead at the quarter's end.

"We didn't play well at all in the second half.

Classical came out strong after a shaky start," said Kowalski.

Agawam's two top scorers were sophomores Paul and Paul, Featherston and Scoville (6 points). Brian Litz, coming off the bench, added 5 and senior Mike Shayda added two buckets.

Classical's run-and-gun street style of play was far too much for the Brownies to cope with. Kowalski utilized almost his entire bench throughout the game with the less-experienced players being thrown into the fire.

"I wanted to start giving the kids that haven't played much this season a chance on the floor. These young players will be valuable to the rebuilding of the program for the next couple of years," Kowalski said.

The loss to Commerce last Friday night at Agawam High resembled the Classical game only both teams tallied more points.

Senior Scot Cofer led all scorers with 13 points followed by Scoville with 10 and Dean Leclerc with 9. The closest Agawam could come was 12 points at the four minute mark of the second period.

Agawam is still looking for that much-sought-after first win of the season and their chances are better than 50-50 with three games left. They face Comp on Friday, February 17th in Chicopee. The last time the two teams met Agawam lost a 44-43 heartbreaker.

Then, it's on to Cathedral Tuesday, February 21st and at home against West Springfield Friday, February 24th in the seasonal finale. The Terriers, a hot team of late, defeated the locals, 60-59 at the buzzer in an earlier meeting while Cathedral managed to outmaneuver the Brownies in a close game decided in the fourth quarter in January.

Agawam Gals Snap Long Losing Skein

by Charlotte Venturini

After losing seven consecutive games which closed the door on any possibility of a post-season bid, the Agawam High girls basketball team destroyed visiting East Longmeadow, 55-34.

The locals had an easy time all the way against a poor Spartan five.

Senior Maria Ollari played her best game of the season and dropped in 9 points to help the winners. Lisa Chevalier led all scorers with 16 points while senior Lena Kozloski continued to play good ball. She netted 8 points.

Sue Ellen Goehlert was strong off the boards for the Brownie girls. Carrie Szabla dropped in two hoops and Leah Negrucci played aggressive defense. Both Carrie and Leah performed in their last game of the season as each are flying south for a vacation next week.

Also contributing to the cause were Julie Miodowski, Lois Carra, and Kelly Trudell.

The locals travel to Wilbraham on Friday, February 17th to meet the Falcons before moving on to Amherst against the number one ranked team in Division B who barely escaped the Brownies last month.

Judy Kelliher Is Right On Top Of Agawam SPORTS!

Defense The Key For AHS Hockey In Stretch Drive

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

DEFENSE: "Resistance against attack." That's how Webster's Dictionary defines the big "D."

This is also how the Agawam High hockey team has been able to inch their way towards the top of the always unpredictable Division I Berry Division.

Top dog Cathedral is presently occupying first place, as usual. But the Brownies, riding high on a five game unbeaten skein, is making things interesting again, as is surprising Longmeadow.

The Brownies streak includes a major, 3-1 upset over the Panthers last Friday night. The locals put together a solid team effort to gain their first victory of the season over the Panthers after absorbing a pair of embarrassing, 7-2 setbacks.

The locals tied West Springfield, 4-4 Tuesday night in a ragged, disorganized affair for both squads. Still, Agawam showed plenty of fight and desire and scored late in the game to gain the tie and a valuable league point.

Method Of Operation

And everyone acknowledges that the method of operation Agawam must follow in their Berry Division stretch drive and into the tournament is defense. That will be the key to success or failure.

"Our defense has been very good lately and they've improved throughout the season. I have five defensemen that I feel very comfortable with any time during a game," said first-year coach Eddie Drewnowski.

"The kids have more confidence in themselves now, especially after we knocked off Cathedral like that," he added.

Drewnowski did have six backliners to answer the call to arms but have since lost the services of forward Paul Ferrara because of injury.

This forced Drewnowski to move second team All-Western Mass. Kevin Mercadante to the attack. Drewnowski felt Mercadante's athletic prowess would enable him to make the transition smoothly.

The Brownies' backline has been somewhat suspect from time to time in protecting sometimes overworked goalie Dave Liptak. Still, Liptak, more recently than before, has had long spells of respite because of the defensive wall and because of good checking by his teammates.

Liptak has received support from seniors Todd Oberheim, Tony Liquori, Rich Cassesse, and Chris Juzba. The lone sophomore, Joey Rondolette, is considered an excellent prospect who is seeing plenty of action.

Despite this, inexperience in the backline somewhat hampered the locals early on. Liquori is the only one with the most varsity experience. He was used "sparingly" over the last two seniors and has developed into a top notch defender.

Cassesse also had little varsity experience coming into the campaign but has made giant strides of late. Oberheim joined the backline after playing forward on the junior varsity. This was his first year on varsity.

"Todd has really done a super job for us. His varsity level is much faster style of play than JV and he's made tremendous efforts to fit into that style," praised Drewnowski.

Made The Most Progress

Defensive-minded Chris Juzba is probably the one who's made the most progress in earning his varsity status. This is his first varsity season. He also saw limited ice time playing with the JV's a year ago.

Previous to that, Juzba had put his skate away for four years. It was no easy chore to again lace them on after such an extended absence from the ice. Drewnowski has nothing but praise for him.

"He's the hardest working kid on the whole team. It wasn't easy for him to play again after being out for so long. Where he lacks in skills he makes up for in desire and hard work," Drewnowski said.

At the season's outset, everyone figured the Brownies would develop into a strong defense side, especially with Liptak tending the nets. After some anxiety and lapses, that now appears to be true.

A key to this has been Agawam's ability to move the puck out of their own end and clearing rebounds away from being fired back at Liptak. The passing is more crisp and the confidence factor figures in here.

Better defense and moving the puck up ice also makes for better scoring chances for Agawam's balanced attack. The Brownies have worked their way out of many mid-season blues and are heading down the wire in challenging Cathedral for first with Longmeadow.

Agawam has lost to the Lancers twice this season and share second place. Both sides have 22 points while Cathedral has 25.

"The kids know they've got to put out every minute of every game. With only a few games left, we'd like to finish on a positive note," concluded Drewnowski.

If the Brownies continue to receive good defense - they will.

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Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Laughing Brook Sponsors Cave Exploration Program

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering "Spelunk You" on Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This program is designed for people 12-17 years old who are looking for adventure.

Caves may seem dark, cold and uninviting. "Spelunk You" is an opportunity to take a closer look. Participants will have a chance to discover a wonderland of shapes that have grown and changed through the ages. Spelunking is the art of cave exploration. Participants should bring a flashlight and a candle

and be prepared for an exhilarating experience crawling through cracks and crevices within the earth. This program is not for people who tend to be claustrophobic! Leaders of this adventure will be Jim Bourden and Bob Belle who have guided numerous spelunking expeditions in both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania caves.

"Spelunk You" is open to anyone from 12 to 17 years of age. Reservations are required and attendance is limited. For more information and fees, call Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

AHS Boys Finish With Water-Win Over WS

by Judith Kelliher

In schoolboy swimming action, the Agawam High swimmers easily sank the West Side Terriers, 84-58 for the first time in the program's 12-year history last Friday in West Side.

The win upped Agawam's record to a respectable 5-9 record that fell short of the pre-season hopes of the locals seriously challenging for the Division B title.

"It felt good to finally beat West Springfield. We anticipated that we would do well and it was a good way to finish the season," said coach Dave Smith.

The conclusion of the regular schedule sounds the bell for the Western Mass. tournament which gets underway Thursday, February 16th at Springfield College. Of course, a strong favorite to sweep through the tournament will be Agawam's incomparable Paul Talbot, the defending schoolboy champ in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events.

Talbot charged through his senior year at an undefeated clip and against West Springfield it was no different. He recorded a 22.45 in the 50 and a 49.46 in the 100 as he tuned-up for the post-season.

Diver Fred Depka, a Brownie who could create waves in the tournament, established another school record with his best performance ever (199.10 total points).

Despite his excellence, Depka placed second to Terrier rival Dave O'Connor who tallied a 199.75. "You can't get much closer than that," said Smith about the diving competition.

The locals jumped ahead after the first event, the 200-yard medley relay (Talbot, Depka, Chris Wood, and Jeff Hastings) with a winning time of 2:03.67. After that it was smooth sailing as the Brownies did what no other AHS team has ever accomplished in competition against West Side.

Richie Vezis performed up to par when he capped a first in the 100 yard backstroke (1:09.21) and just got clipped in the 200 yard freestyle to take second. Teammate Jeff Hastings finished in fine fashion with a 2:33.61 good for a first in the 200 individual medley. He also was second in the 100 breaststroke.

Frosh David Allen had an excellent showing in the 20-lap, 500 freestyle. He has been improving by leaps and bounds since Smith inserted him in that event.

Good Luck Paul Talbot At Western Mass.



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FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

Tracks In The Trees

The evidence is piling up. Our woods aren't empty, as they've seemed all winter. They're full of animals; hungry ones. They've left their winter calling cards for you to see, not on the ground, but on the trees.

Tree Evidence Remains

Paw prints in the snow have melted away. Droppings have been washed out by our freakish winter rains. Bird songs and the howls of coyotes are gone when uttered, but tree evidence remains.

There are holes in the bark, gnaw marks on bushes and whole saplings whose twigs are stripped of buds. Who did all this?

Some of the detective work is easy. A tree felled by beavers leaves a short, sharp stump a few inches above the ground with wood chips strewn about. And there's a water space nearby with other felled trees. That's too simple a mystery.

What about large patches of bark gnawed from trunks that leave beaver-sized tooth marks but doesn't disturb the wood of the tree? Porcupines have been here.

If the snow melts from beneath a bush and you find the twigs gnawed below the snow line, meadow mice have been feasting in the safety of snow cover. Their extensive tunneling under the snow leaves runways

that persist for days, packed into the dead grass.

Twigs nipped off higher on the bush may have been a rabbit's meal. Look for bark gnawed nearby. Deer browse on twigs, too, but they leave ragged, splintered ends on the branches.

Woodpecker handiwork is a good challenge for nature detectives. Each different species leaves different sorts of holes behind as they forage for insects beneath the bark of trees. Large, rectangular holes are excavated by the pileated woodpecker, largest member of the family in our woods.

Downy and Hairy woodpeckers leave tidier drilling sites behind. But who makes those precise rows of holes spiraling around the limbs of fruit trees?

The yellow-bellied sapsucker works patiently, methodically, drilling his little holes at even intervals around the trunk.

Yes, there is a bird by that name - it is no joke. His belly is yellow, though he does not suck sap. He's a tiny bird whose main problem is that no one can say his name with a straight face. Under this social handicap, he has retreated into a solitary workaholic lifestyle. Pity.

Bear Marks A Treasured Find

Bears do reach high against the trunk of a tree to gouge at the bark with their claws and bobcats (perhaps even panthers) sharpen their claws on old logs in the western Massachusetts woods, but these signs are rare, and a treasured find.

We're going to head out this weekend to look for those woody animal signs, part of the "spoor" that good trackers notice almost unconsciously.

For once, the noise and bustle of children will be no hindrance in our stalking, and every additional set of eyes increases our chance of a successful "hunt." Perhaps we'll see you there!



SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

By Bill Chiba

Mawaga Club Elects Officers

The Mawaga Sporting Club elected officers for 1984 at its annual meeting. William Grimaldi will head the organization as president. Assisting him during the year are: vice president Paul Christman, treasurer Birnie Paine Jr., recording secretary Frank Freeman, financial secretary Birnie Paine Sr., and elected to the Board of Directors are Ralph Webster and John Ferioli.

The club has commenced its annual turkey shoots to be held every Sunday until further notice. The event will commence at 1 p.m. and guns will be available. The annual banquet will be held Saturday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the club house.

A reminder to deer hunters that March 15th, 1984 is the deadline for state land shotgun and state land muzzleloader permit applications for the Connecticut lottery. You may apply for both a state land shotgun and a state land muzzleloader permit, but only one of these will be issued to any individual for state land.

Also, no archery, private land muzzleloader, private land shotgun or free landowner permit applications will be accepted until after July 1st, 1984. Over the counter sales of these permits will not be made prior to two weeks before each season opens.

This fall, the archery deer season will run from October 1st through November 21st. The muzzleloader deer season will begin on Thanksgiving Day and run through December 1st. The shotgun deer season on state land has been split into an A season (December 3rd - December 8th) and a B season (December 10th to 19th).

Application Period Open For Moose Season

The application period is now open for Maine's moose hunting season. Application blanks may be obtained by sending a self-addressed envelope to: Moose Application, Maine Fish and Wildlife Dept. Augusta, Maine 04333.

Maine's law allows each moose permit holder to name another hunter to accompany him or her. Their limit is one moose.

Hunter success has averaged 84% over the past three seasons. The heaviest bull taken weighed 1,330 pounds, field-dressed. Several have had Boone and Crockett qualifying racks.

Application fees to enter the drawing are \$10 for non-residents, \$5 for residents. Fees are non-refundable.

Moose hunting permits cost \$200 for non-residents and \$25 for resident hunters. In addition, moose hunters must have a 1984 Maine hunting license.

Excellent Winter For Ice Fishing

This winter has provided excellent ice fishing for those hardy individuals that like to stand the cold wind and the freezing feet.

Paul Kerr and John Peachy filled their creel with good size perch and bass at Thousand Acre Swamp. Dom Tangredi and John Ferioli made a killing at Otis Reservoir. Stories are circulating about the good trout catches being made through the ice at Lake Ashmere.

For myself, it is open water fishing that I enjoy. Can't wait for "ice out," already making plans for an early trip to Lake Ontario for the early run of large brown trout.

Ruggiero Among The Front Runners In 1984

Websters Dictionary defines the word CREDENTIALS as an impressive list or letter of introduction based on a proven combination.

In NASCAR Winston Modified Racing, new meaning could be brought to the word when it is referred to the competitor Reggie Ruggiero. The "Quiet One" from Forestville, Connecticut is a welcomed regular in Saturday night competition at the highly successful Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Ruggiero has come a long way since his racing career started at the Plainville Stadium in 1970 in a car that he owned. Over the early years he changed rides several times driving for such noted owners as Don Moon and Mario Fiore and the original 44 Race Team. In a short period of time he has accumulated more than 40 career wins. In 1979 Reggie became the NASCAR Champion at the Monadnock Speedway and the Riverside Park Speedway.

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SESSION: April 2nd to May 21st (8 weeks)

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A"
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office (Town Hall Annex)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 per person (NO REFUND)

INSTRUCTOR: Willie Fortini-gym; Dee Berkey, Virginia Cassidy-pool.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND SWIM

SESSION: April 2nd to May 21st (8 weeks)

TIME: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office (Town Hall Annex)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 per person (NO REFUND)

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SESSION: April 4th to May 23rd (8 weeks)

TIME: Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

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Notre Dame Races To Tri-Parish Round Title

Oh those battlers from the team of Notre Dame. They must be considered the success story of the Tri-Parish Bowling season, held every Monday night at the Agawam Bowl.

The First Round deadpans (at the bottom) got the last laugh on everyone by annexing the Second Round championship with a brilliant three-games-to-one showdown victory over Fordham.

Both ND and Fordham entered the 11th week of competition in the Second Round tied at 24 wins each. When it was over, ND traveled to the top spot with 27 wins. Fordham placed a terrific 2nd place with 25 wins followed by Holy Cross with 25 wins in 3rd (lower pin-fall). In 4th was round one winner Boston College (24 wins). St. Anselm grabbed 4th (2½ wins) and Georgetown regained much lost pride by finishing 6th (23 wins).

The rest of the Tri-Parish rollers looked this this: Loyola, 7th place (21½ wins); St. Michael, 8th place (21 wins); St. Louis, 9th place (20 wins); St. Mary, 10th place (19 wins); Catholic University, 11th place (18 wins). And last and certainly the least was FRANK RESCIGNO'S bubbling Villanova side (17 wins).

Villanova, considered a mainstay in the league a year ago, are now known as doormats and only a terrific showing in the third and final round will keep Rescigno, the Lordly Barber, from being totally embarrassed.

First Round kingpin Boston College, the Second Round frontrunner for nine weeks before falling back to third place week ten, were very happy to see the round end.

Last place Villanova took them to the cleaners, three wins to one. If BC could have swept the Lordly Barber and teammates, the round championship again was theirs. Instead, BOBBY MOCCIO's crew continued their slide. Bobby rolled a magnificent 360 in demolishing the Lordly Barber (294) but it wasn't enough to offset the Villanova rolling of KATHY CARVILL, JEAN BUONICONTI, and DORIS KRZYKOWSKI.

Doris bowled a 296 but dismantled her opponent, KEITH RESCIGNO (211) to begin the BC disaster. Other than Moccio, the BC rollers were completely down in the dumps.

Others having a good night were the Georgetown team of AL MOCCIO, winning three from St. Anselm's to move up the ladder. Al had a 310. Georgetown's good fortune moved up them from near the bottom to the first division.

Another team having a good night was Holy Cross. They swept past disappointing Catholic University, three games to one. HC took three wins to close out in third place. If they had done this kind of rolling over the last few weeks, HC would be sitting in the crow's nest.

But alas, it was too little, too late for JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY's team. John hit only a 291 but CU captain JIM SNYDER could do little better (293). The HC resurgence was credited to substitute STEVE DEVANEY (313) who was happy as a lark after his performance. Another HC substitute, ERNIE BLAIR, fired a 318 and that also propelled Chevovsky's crew to the victory. Hopefully, TOM GEAUGHAN & JIM CLIFFORD of HC will be back in action for the start of Round Three.

Brownie Girls Bow To West Side; End At 2-12

If "personal best" performances in schoolgirl swimming were all that the Agawam High girls needed to capture meets, they would have enjoyed a banner year in terms of wins and losses.

Unfortunately, that's simply not the case and the more experienced and talented competition erased the constant improvement shown by the AHS gals.

This trend occurred last Friday afternoon at the West Springfield High pool during the Brownies' final regular season meet. The Terriers toughed-out a close 82-75 decision.

On an individual level it was a successful meet and season for the locals who finished 2-12 after absorbing the frustrating loss to West Side.

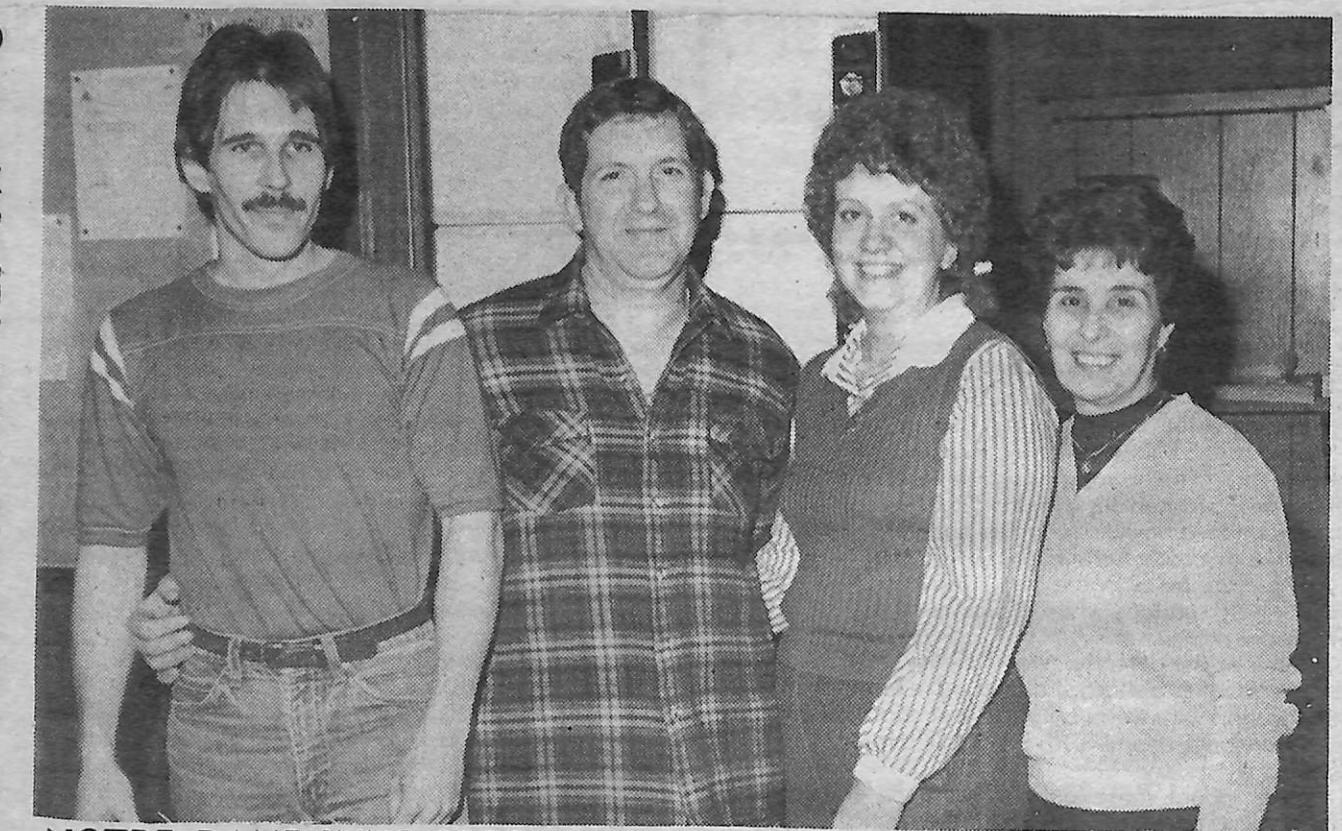
"We have such a young team that we knew it would be tough to win meets against the stronger competition. But the girls recorded a lot of personal successes," said first-year coach Dee Berkey.

West Side, despite the closeness of the score, never trailed. They immediately jumped on top and Agawam was forced to play catch-up to cut the deficit.

The 200-yard freestyle was highlighted by some notable performances, particularly from Bev Johnson who stroked her way to a speedy time to 2:25.11. Teammates Angela Mastromatteo and Chris Desites, both frosh, each finished under the three-minute mark.

According to Miss Berkey, this was an excellent accomplishment for her two youngsters. Johnson, besides winning this event, grabbed a second in the long distance 500-yard freestyle event behind West Side's Beth Orwat (6:28.73).

Kim Cascio ended the regular season in high fashion by notching two first place finishes - one in the 200 individual medley (2:32.42) and the 100 breaststroke (1:18.76). Cascio's first in that event brought her team to



NOTRE DAME WINS SECOND ROUND IN TRI-PARISH BOWLING: This quartet certainly picked themselves off the floor - the bowling floor that is to rule the Second Round lanes of the popular Monday night league at the Agawam Bowl. They were in the cellar in the First Round. Team members are, from left - Richie Snyder, John Rescigno (captain), Janice Moccio, and Esther Depalo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ruggerio A Front Runner - From Page 25...

Still Reggie's most impressive season would have to be the 1983 season, a year that started with an impressive win in the World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing at the New Smyrna Speedway. All the experts in the sport had to agree that the hottest team to represent the north was the 44 Race Team.

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With only the 400-yard freestyle relay remaining, it was statistically impossible for the Brownies to come out with a team victory.

Still, relayers Cascio, Johnson, Dawn Malta, and Tina Pirnie raced to the finish line first at 4:28:40.

Diver Lori Jury ended her first year of competition on a positive note. She recorded her best point-total of the season with 26.5 and claimed a first.

Rounding out the scoring honors for Agawam that need mentioning were a second place by Pirnie in the 100 butterfly and Malta cranking out a second in the 100 freestyle. Lori Spiro also performed well in the 200 IM.

The girls will compete in the Western Mass. tournament this week with the finals being held over the weekend.

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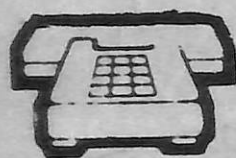


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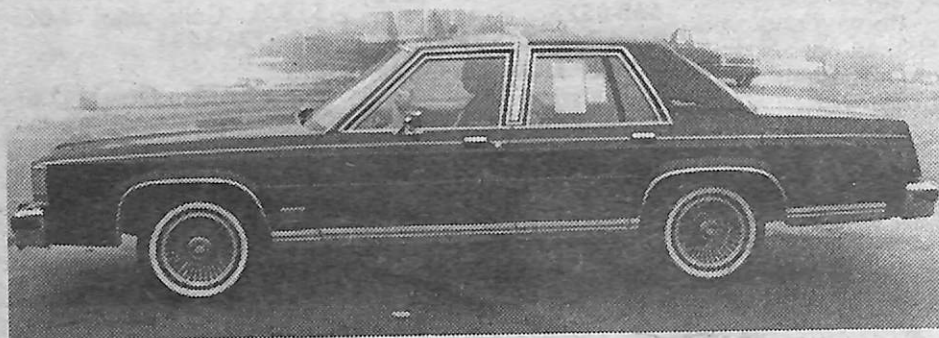
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